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(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 14.
Mr. Gaston Means, former Secret agent of the Department of Justice, gave sensational evidence before the Teapot Dome investigation committee. He testified that in February of 1922 in Washington he received from Japanese representatives a large Japanese firm—\$100,000 to end the Government prosecution in the standard aircraft case.

Witness turned the money over to the late Mr. Jess Smith, a friend of Mr. Daugherty, the Attorney General.

Witness described himself as a money carrier in a transaction for Smith and others. He related that while making an "under cover" investigation, which he believed was at the late President Harding's instance he questioned Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with permits for withdrawals of liquor, "and got him."

Means declared that he questioned Senators Caraway and McNamara after the latter had agitated for investigation of the Teapot Dome case.

Means who admitted that he had been employed as a German secret agent, and had been tried for murder, declared he learned of the source of the \$100,000 from Smith.

A member of the committee reminded his colleagues that the records of the Daugherty impeachment case contained an allegation that Daugherty failed to prosecute the aircraft case, also that overpayment of \$650,000 was made by the Government.

HOME MINERS' WAGES.

DANGER OF A STRIKE.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 14.
It is understood that the Government has decided to introduce its own Miners' Minimum Wage Bill at the end of the financial year.

LONDON, March 14.
[The Miners' Conference decided that the owners' terms are inadequate and urged the Government to pass a Miners' Minimum Wage Bill. The adjournment of the Conference till March 26, is for the purpose of seeing what can be done meanwhile to secure an improved wage for miners by legislation; and if the Minimum Wage Bill, which will come up for discussion on the 21st is not proceeded with, or if defeated, there is little doubt that the delegates on the 26th, will decide to take a ballot of the coal-fields with regard to a national strike, after the present agreement expires on April 17.]

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, March 15.
Herr Ebert, the President, has fixed the Reichstag elections for May 4.

GOOD AND BAD.

LATEST KONGMOON DOINGS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAK-KAI, KONGMOON, March 14.

Ex-Admiral Chan Chak is expected to be made Tuptan of the Sze Yip. His projected headquarters will be at Sui Nam, a suburb of Kongmoon.

He is sending a brigade of his troops to co-operate with Leung Hung-kai on the Yau-ning border. It is also reported that his honeymoon and trip to Manila will be curtailed because of pressing political business.

H.M.S. "Cicala" arrived here on March 11 and left on Wednesday.

On March 21 there will be an embargo on the export of Chinese silver coins.

No person will be allowed to take more than \$50 with him to Hong Kong.

Cheung Kwok-ching is to be appointed director of operations on the Yau-ning front and is expected in Kongmoon shortly.

Many reforms and new measures are proposed in the Sunning government where Lan Chin-po has taken up his post. A report that Li Yat-nok, the Hokshan magistrate and fled to Hongkong is incorrect. He still retains the seals and is ruling the district peacefully.

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LIQUOR AND DOPE.

"ORDUNA" MEN GUILTY.

SENTENCE DEFERRED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, March 14.
Five members of the crew of the "Orduna" have been tried on a charge of smuggling liquor and narcotics. They pleaded guilty and have been remanded for sentence until Wednesday.

Two other members of the crew who previously admitted guilt have also been remanded.

Mr. Clark, the Assistant District Attorney, asserts that the "Orduna" has been used ever since the passing of the Prohibition Act as a vehicle for smuggling liquor. He claims she has carried \$100,000 worth of contraband into New York.

Officials of the line, however, declare that any violation of the laws, if committed, was without the knowledge of responsible officers and they deny all the charges.

[An earlier cable stated that a party of Federal officials spent two hours on the "Orduna" breaking seals of the store-rooms, and liquor bars, but they found no contraband.]

FRIEND IN NEED.

NEW YORK, March 15.

Mr. Berwind, the well-known American coal-owner, has furnished the \$1,000,000 bond enabling the "Orduna" to sail to-morrow according to schedule.

WASHINGTON, March 15.

The British Embassy has furnished the Foreign Office with a report on the "Orduna" case but does not take any further steps unless instructed from London.

TRADE UNION LAW.

MEMBERS AND POLITICS.

QUESTION OF FUNDS.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 14.
The House of Commons by 211 votes to 129 rejected the second reading of the Trade Union Act 1913 Amendment Bill providing that when a Trade Union passes a resolution in favour of political action the members desiring to contribute to the support of the political objects shall indicate their desire in writing and shall not as heretofore automatically be included as supporters unless they contract out.

Mr. Ainsworth (Conservative) moving the second reading said the object was to prevent Trade Unions from insisting on members paying contributions for political purposes which they did not believe. He asserted that members seeking to contract out were intimidated.

Mr. Tom Smith (Labour) moving the rejection of the bill, declared the reason for the bill was that the Conservatives were anxious with regard to the progress of the Labour party. He denied the allegation of intimidation and declared that if the trade unionists' political activities were hampered they would be compelled to rely more on strikes.

TRAFFIC TANGLE.

STREETS FILLED WITH BUSES.

That London's traffic choked streets, which are largely attributed to the great increase in the number of buses in recent years, are likely to be still further congested, appears from a speech made by Lord Asquith to the shareholders of the United Kingdom General Omnibus Company, on February 21. He said that while omnibus passengers had increased by 193 millions, underground railway had decreased by 20 and tramways by 3 millions.

Lord Asquith complained that independent buses had increased last year to 208 in 74 different ownerships, with the result that the streets were filled with swarms of buses and the traffic of the tubes had dwindled to expand the General Bus Service even at the expense of railways.

Thus they had a fleet of 8,880 buses on December 31 compared with 2,800 a year ago. Therefore they did not fear competition with the independent omnibuses during the coming summer.

New York's worst traffic congestion centres to Fifth Avenue, a combination of Oxford Street and Regent Street, which boasts "Mayhew Island," where there is a movement to remove all tram tracks and substitute London's bus system.

Meanwhile the merchants of Fifth Avenue, which now cater to a department store, have offered to pull down the elevated tracks and convert the vintage pay by the customer they would draw from Fifth Avenue.

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NOTICE OF CALL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.,

S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PERCY H. SUCKLING, Secretary.

Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 27th March, 1924, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1924.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices 20, Des Voeux Road Central on SATURDAY 29th of March 1924 at 11 a.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th of March to 29th of March, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March 1924.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March 1924, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

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H. M. McTAVISH, Hon. Secretary.

CHINA SUGAR REFINERY. Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

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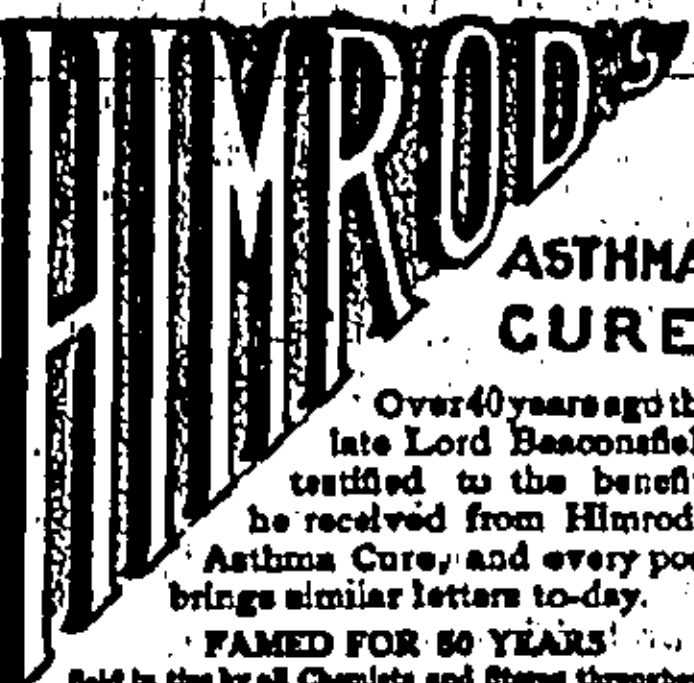
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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1924.

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Hongkong, 29th February, 1924.

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WHEN COAL PETERS OUT.

WIND AND SUNLIGHT.

Dean Inge discusses in the *Evening Standard* a paper which a brilliant young Cambridge biologist publishes in the *Century Magazine*.

The editor has called it "If you were alive in 2123 A.D." Assuming that the moral control and social use of the results of science is the outstanding issue of our generation, the writer prophesies what kind of place the world is likely to be after two centuries of scientific sociology.

"How many persons in England know that a dose of seven grammes of acid sodium phosphate increases a man's capacity for prolonged muscular effort by about 20 per cent, and probably aids in 'prolonging mental work'?" asks Dean Inge.

A group of coal-miners in Germany took it for nine months on end, with very great effect on their output. (What would our trade unions say to this?) The Germans gave it to their shock-troops in the war, and it may become a normal beverage, as it is said to be followed by no reaction.

CITIES OF NO NIGHTS.

In fifty years, we are told, lighting will cost only one-fiftieth of its present price. (Having lately settled a bill for electric light during the summer months which would have been extortionate for Buckingham Palace, I regret that I shall not live to see this welcome change.) Almost all our present sources of light are hot bodies, 95 per cent of whose radiation is invisible. To light a lamp is about as wasteful as to burn down ones' house to roast a joint of pork.

In the future, with new methods of illumination, there will be no more night in our cities. As for developments, they are limited only by the velocity of light.

The writer agrees with other authorities that our coal and oil will all be gone in the few centuries. Waterpower may to some extent take their place, though hardly in England. The disillusioned American who has travelled to see how the waters come down to Lorede, has a well-justified contempt for the best we can do in waterfalls. Our essayist has hopes that we may tap two inexhaustible sources of power, the wind and the sunlight. A storage battery may soon be invented which will transform the intermittent energy of the wind into continuous electric power. Our towns will then be pestless, and our industries decentralised.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

It has long been recognised that one of the most revolutionary of all changes would be the discovery how to manufacture food directly from the earth or air, instead of passing it through the bodies of animals and plants. Our young scientists have no doubt that this problem will be solved within the next hundred years or so. Before the end of the present century, says the author of the article in the *Century Magazine*, sugar and starch will be almost as cheap as sawdust.

This will supply us with an abundance of carbohydrates. The proteins may be obtained from coal, or atmospheric nitrogen, in the fixation of which the Germans made considerable strides during the war.

NO MORE RURAL LIFE.

A great cheapening of food by chemistry would not necessarily be at all an advantage. In the absence of some rational control of population, the only effect would be that the country would be completely urbanised, or suburbanised. There would be no more agriculture, and no more stock-raising; the whole of England would be covered by sprawling garden cities and garden suburbs—a truly appalling prospect.

But a limited population, with abundant food almost literally dirt-cheap, would no doubt be liberated in an extraordinary degree. It would have more than half the day free to spend in doing good—or evil. Finally, our biochemist says: "The Conservative has but little to fear from the man whose reason is the servant of his passions, but let him beware of him whose reason has become the greatest and most terrible of the passions."

IMPREGNABLE INSTITUTIONS.

But why should he shake his fist at the poor "Conservatives"? We are not the anti-scientific party. We should be delighted to see the dry light of science turned upon the economic fallacies of the Labour Party, upon the sentimentalism of the doctrinaire Radical, kind only to be cruel, and upon various other nostrums of self-styled progressives.

We are not the stupid party now, whatever we may have been called a hundred years ago. But all reformers, whether socialistic or scientific, had better make up their minds that there are three institutions, closely welded together, which are the basis of all civilisation; and which cannot be abolished. These are religion, the family, and private property. "Whoever falls on that stone shall be broken, and on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

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DEATHS.

PERSEN.—On March 8, 1924, at Shanghai, Carl Johan Persen (third engineer of the Norwegian s.s. "Trafalgar"), aged 37 years.
DAS CALDAS.—On March 8, 1924, at Shanghai, Augusto Francisco, at the age of 41.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG SATURDAY, MAR. 15, 1924.

FIVE MILLIONS.

It remains to be seen if this venture of the sale or transfer of Military Lands is to be numbered with the Government's Rice Purchase Scheme of a few years ago, or that other scheme which during the seamen's strike, chartered a boat and sent a cadet to Hoihow or some other place to buy cabbages or some other form of perishable food for a possibly starving Colony. H.E. Major-General Fowler's words are comforting—on paper. He is the optimist par excellence, and we can only hope his predictions will prove true, though it does not suggest a rosy future for householders and others as the increased price of land will mean high rents, and the permanency of the Rents Ordinance. H.E. the Governor, whose utterances and outlook the Colony

has come to regard with confidence and respect, is, as ever, exceedingly candid, and advises the closing of the deal in spite of the largeness of the figure involved, and the excess cost which it is considered the Colony is being called upon to pay in the transaction. There the matter ends with a general expression of concurrence with the Hon. Mr. Pollock's protest, and our own regret that the general public has not been consulted in the least in the matter, or asked what it thought about it. It is necessary to go back to the Council meeting of February 7th last, and to read Mr. Fletcher's exceedingly lucid speech on Sir John Oakley's award, and the conditions which led up to it, and the Military Lands Circular despatches of 1890 and 1894, and later the agreement arrived at between the Government and the local Military Authority, to obtain a clear grasp of the whole situation. Certain passages of this speech state what is well known, that these areas block the normal development of the Colony. This is unanswerable and probably explains the decision to close at once. It might be argued that instead of taking the boom prices as a basis, which prevailed when Sir John Oakley was here, that prices which prevailed when the negotiations for the transfer was made, might have been taken. This is probably too idealistic

suggestion. It is not, again, what is known as business. The situation at Kowloon is also an interesting one. Here again residents might well have been consulted as to their views regarding a military establishment at Gun Club Hill. It seems to us that the Government has a tremendous task upon its hands in selling, as it presumably will endeavour to do, the land which will come into its possession. It seems likely the ordinary land speculator—let us call him investor—will not jump so readily as some expect. It may mean the Government creating an Estate Department of its own and becoming Landlords with something to sell or let. In any case it means the old sore again—high rents.

Reading.

One result of the war is that it has greatly stimulated reading, and that the reading public has increased by at least twenty per cent. since 1914. This is the testimony of a London publisher, who adds that the working classes are becoming more educated and as their education broadens their reading extends. Most of us are familiar with the statement—"I've no time (to spare) for reading." It seems to us a sort of deprecating cry, that the maker of it wishes to indicate that he is not to be considered high-brow or what is known as well read. We all read; of that there is no question. But we do not all worry about what we read—and that is the trouble. We assimilate the things that come easy to us, that require no great mental effort to understand, and the result is that we miss quite a lot. It is probably true that the most popular sections of any newspaper are those devoted to sport, social functions, and the accounts of the misdoings of our fellow mortals, while perhaps the leaders and the special articles are either only half-digested or skipped. But in odd places and at odd moments we come across those who unexpectedly tell us of this or that book that has engaged, or is engaging, their attention, and we realise that deep down there is a desire for the best in literature, so that class which enlarges our outlook and makes life more interesting. What is needed is an organisation which will suggest courses of reading, and band into small study circles those who, from time to time will meet in friendly conclave to discuss certain aspects or questions raised in the books read. Such a body as this exists at Home in the shape of the National Home-Reading Union—an admirable union which has persisted in its work for years. It is likely that a branch of this organisation will be formed in Hongkong very shortly. If so we wish those who are likely to be behind it every success.

The Last Moment.

The world seems to be overcrowded with people who are continually doing things at the last moment, to their own great discomfort and very often the discomfort, annoyance and worry of others. It is a matter of psychology perhaps to determine the reason for this, but psychologists, who generally know less of their own foibles than they do of others, are very silent on the matter. The Last Momenters consist of those who get up at the last possible moment; and arrive at their destination in a similar manner. They buy the things they need in breathless haste or their tickets for a concert or theatre after the doors have opened, seemingly not having made up their minds previously as to their exact intentions on the day in question. Thus in another connection the organisers of our proposed Cat and Dog Show extend the date of entry for exhibits. Some have put off entering their pets until the last moment—others interested have alas! forgotten. Our Last Momenters come late to the Theatre and cause others to wish that their last moment will soon come. In Shanghai, where they have a sense of public pride, these L.M.'s are going to be scotched. A lady in that sublime city is producing a play and she has decreed that late comers will not be allowed to enter to take their seats until the act in progress is finished. A Pioneer! A noble pioneer, worthy the praise of multitudinous Watermans! Her example needs emulation in all the cities of the Far East. This time will come when Hongkong will adopt it, when it will decree the death of those who come late to the Theatre and when they have left things to

the last moment, come late and stumble in the darkness to the seat that should know them not yet awhile.

Mostly fools? off hand what the population of Britain is. It may still be 40,000,000, "mostly fools," as Carlyle phrased it; but it is interesting to learn that the sales of National Savings Certificates for the week ending January 12 last, were 583,322, making a grand total of 674,100,424. Taking the "mostly fools" as a basis, this gives us over sixteen certificates per fool. Not so bad. There's thrift in the old dog yet!

Lord Burnham, Secretary, assures us that the world is run by its secretaries—commercial, social, and political. "Secretaries are the men in whom we put our trust and from whom no secrets are hid." It is very true and it is true outside the paid avenues of the three worlds mentioned. Many a struggling organisation has been saved and kept on its legs by its energetic secretary, and many a secretary is the eyes and ears of the Company and Directors he serves. Into the mouths of the wise man he puts words of wisdom and knowledge. Sir George Lewis the great solicitor is supposed to hold more secrets of the concerns of different classes of people than anyone else, but we would back the average Secretary as a close second as a keeper of secrets.

Bret Harte has for DARK all time related the episode of at least one celestial who excelled in ways that are dark. We were reminded of it by reading the March number of "The Yellow Dragon" and Mr. Tanner's reference in his annual report, to those who attend the College for but a short while and then apply for leaving certificates so that they can prove they are Old Boys of the College. Some years ago it was discovered that certain unprincipled holders of certificates were turning them out to account by letting them out on hire to the applicants for positions in the Chinese postal department and other places and so enabling them to pose as old Queen's boys.

Holland's Second SUMMER TIME Chamber has carried a resolution asking the Government "in the general interest," to repeal the Summer Time Law. It is such messages as this that the great Reuter deigns to send us that we fail to understand. "In the general interest." Probably it needs Dutch courage to get up an hour earlier in the summer in Holland.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE. Are we becoming Ceylonised? H.E. came from Colombo. So did Mr. Creasy, and now our new Chief Justice is to come from the land of spicy breezes. Are these appointments the result of local influence or suggestion? Perhaps H.E. believes in working with the devil you know rather than the devil you don't. We profess not to understand these appointments—how they are made and how they are arrived at. Is the time coming when we shall all be crying "A Hongkong Man for a Hongkong job." Are we so limited in legal intellects that we have to go outside? Gentlemen of the jury, what is your verdict?

is a very prominent NO ROAD sign just now in Hongkong. We see it everywhere, and particularly over what we may call trenches. At night a little lamp is placed near it to warn pedestrians. There is a wan pale, feeble, flickering light inside the lamp, seemingly waiting for a little frisky night wind to come and blow it out which it often does. How many have fallen into these trenches we know not. The number must be terrific. What is wanted is not so much a dim religious light, but one that will shed its warning glow without hesitation. If only some P.W.D. official would accidentally fall into a trench—we mean trench—we might expect some improvement. Perhaps an Overseer will oblige?

To-day's Poem.

(Nature.)
Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower,
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf,
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day,
Nothing gold can stay.
—Robert Frost.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 15
1663. This day the weather, which of late has been very hot and fair, turns very wet and cold, and all the church time this afternoon it thundered mightily.
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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT'S.

March 15.—Coronet Theatre: Baby Peggy in "The Darling of New York."
March 15.—Star Theatre: Conrad Nagel in "The Fighting Chance."
March 15.—World Theatre: Ethel Clayton in "Can A Woman Love Twice?"
March 16.—Star Theatre: "Doug Fairbanks in 'Mollycoddle.'"
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.
SOCIAL.

March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.

March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

March 17.—Grand Carnival (dinner and dance), in Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8 p.m. to midnight.
April 2.—St. Andrew's, Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.
March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

LAND SALE.
March 17.—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown Land at Tsing I, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 17.—Lammert Bros. at their Sales Rooms, 31 bullock paper, 11 a.m.

March 17.—Lammert Bros. at No. 12 East Point Terrace, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

March 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnace, etc., etc., Noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's office 20, Des Vaux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
March 24.—Annual meeting of Members of the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 4 p.m.

March 25.—Thirty-eighth yearly meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 5.30 p.m., to be followed by an extraordinary General Meeting immediately after.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.
March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next Criminal Sessions will be held on March 19.

The Government Gazette notifies that unless cause is shown to the contrary within three months, the Hongkong Wai Man Savings and Investment Association Ltd., will be struck off the register and the company dissolved.

Mr. W. Cox, chief engineer of the s.s. "Nairang" was mentioned in Mr. J. R. Wood's court this morning as being the victim of two unemployed Chinese who stole \$95 in money, some postage stamps, and a pocket-book (not recovered) from his cabin on board ship yesterday. The thieves got six months' hard labour each.

That she has steam up and presumably, a little coal left, is the report the police have received concerning the Shamshui ferry launch "Kwong Shun" which was forcibly taken away thirteen days ago. It is not expected that she will be refloated from the shallow water at Sha-Mee-Tau till Monday or Tuesday when she will be brought back via Macao.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Phillips is to leave on the "Naldora" next week, after a residence of 20 years in the Colony. Mr. Phillips, the Colony's Auditor, follows next year.

The name of Dr. Kim Chong-yeon, who holds a licence in Medicine and Surgery from the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore, has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners.

According to a Reuter cable from San Francisco, Mr. Curtis W. Wilbur, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, announced that he has accepted the Secretaryship of the Navy in succession to Mr. Denby.

INDIAN PIRACY GUARDS.

Are They Any Good?

OFFICERS' GUILD ALLEGATIONS.

Statement By C.S.P.

In the course of the statement made by Mr. T. T. Laurensen, assistant secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild when interviewed after last Sunday's mass meeting, and also in the correspondence between the Guilds and the Government published during the week, serious allegations were made against the Indian guards which the piracy regulations compel British ships to carry. It was also suggested that the guards, besides being inefficient and generally useless, were not properly disciplined by the police authorities who control them. These charges were replied to in the course of an interview courteously given to a "China Mail" reporter by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe who characterised them as "a gross libel."

QUESTION OF CONTROL.

Ships Officers Apathetic.

Mr. Wolfe referred first to the Guild's allegation that "the control, as established by the Regulations, is a divided one in which the influence of the Police is paramount, and to such an extent that the authority of the Master is largely displaced and is frequently resisted." Quoting Regulation 32, he said that whilst ships are under weigh the Master has absolute control of the guards and he declared that it was untrue to say that Police control was paramount.

The guards, he went on to point out, are trained by the Police to ensure a uniform training and because the Police have facilities for this work which ships officers have not got. In a large number of cases, Mr. Wolfe alleged, little or no interest was taken in the guards and no effort made to assist in training them by giving them revolver practice etc., when at sea. Arms and ammunition were supposed to be inspected and tested weekly but in a large number of cases this too was neglected. "I am glad to say, however," the C.S.P. added, "that there are some notable exceptions, and on those ships the guards give little or no trouble and can be relied upon to give a good account of themselves."

"A Gross Libel."

"This is a gross libel on the guards," said Mr. Wolfe, referring to the statement in the Guild's letter that "the guards, who are neither sailors nor policemen, are not sufficiently intelligent to not in an emergency can previously formulated instruction without the steady influence of a European Officer. In no case has the initiative been taken by them, they have always declined combat and accepted the least painful of the alternatives of being dismissed or shot." Instancing the case of the "Sui An" and "Sui Tai" pirates, Mr. Wolfe pointed out that the majority of the guards were ex-soldiers and that the "Sui An" pirates, Commission reported on the conduct of the ship's marks in the following terms:—"The behaviour of the ship's guards appears to have been excellent." The C.S.P. also drew attention to the fact that in every case of piracy the guards had suffered as many, and generally more casualties than the ship's officers did.

Punishments.

As regards the punishments inflicted on the guards—the Guilds' letter described them as "ridiculously inadequate"—Mr. Wolfe said that the Guilds had evidently been misinformed. For drunkenness on duty guards were, he said, fined on the following scale:—First offence, \$3; second offence, \$5; third offence, instant dismissal. As the ship's guards only receive \$25 per month, this, he pointed out, represents a fine of one-eighth and one-fifth of their total pay for the month. This could hardly, he submitted, be called a light punishment.

Guards Much In Demand.

Owing to the very large demand for guards received from various sources in Hongkong and also in outports, it is impossible, Mr. Wolfe indicated, to transfer a man when he has committed some offence, but it is always done as soon as possible in cases of insubordination to a ship's officer or any serious breach of discipline or serious neglect of duty. "This large demand for guards," commented the C.S.P., "seems in itself to rather disprove the charge of inefficiency. If they are so unreliable and generally useless as the Guilds say they are, how is it that so many people are wanting to get hold of them?"

An Unfair Example.

In conclusion Mr. Wolfe referred to the following paragraph in one of the Guilds' letters:—"That a striking instance is afforded in the case when corrective measures (report to O.C.G.) were taken against one of the guards by the Chief Officer of a river steamer which subsequently led to his death at the hands of the man he had reported; the said officer being fatally shot in the back whilst on the bridge at his post of duty, the murderer being allowed to escape." This evidently referred he said to the case of the late Mr. Spafford, formerly Chief Officer of the "Fut-shan" in the East, pointed out Mr. Wolfe, there are always cases of people "running amok" but it is unfair to quote this solitary instance in 10 years as typical of the conduct of the guards generally. The statement "the murderer being allowed to escape" is also a terminological inexactitude as the guard in question jumped overboard immediately after the shooting and has not been found since. It is therefore assumed that he was drowned.

BABY PEGGY.

FINE PICTURE AT THE CORONET.

Children, whose opinion is always spontaneous and therefore entirely free from prejudice, are the cinema's most acute critics. According to many picture that pleases the youngsters may be relied upon to please the grown-ups also. Such a picture is "The Darling of New York," now showing at the Coronet Theatre. Everything that delights the heart is to be found in this picture—comedy, mystery, pathos, romance, thrill. But perhaps its greatest appeal lies in the acting, for the principal part is played by Baby Peggy who makes her debut as a feature star. "Through all her adventures as a little orphan child left to the buffetings of fate, she remains the same winsome and appealing little actress, alternately exciting anxiety or causing amusement as she runs terrible risks or applies the wits of the streets; how she attempts to reform a gang of crooks; how she is entrapped in a burning building; how she narrowly escapes death only through a perilous rescue; and how she eventually finds happiness and all incidents in a snail story which must be seen in all its scenic richness to be appreciated fully. Certainly "The Darling of New York" is a great picture for children—a great picture for children of all ages."

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NEW SHARE RESOLUTIONS CARRIED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company was called at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co this morning to adopt resolutions regarding the issuance and allotment of new shares. Those who attended the meeting were Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Consulting Committee) Mr. F. J. Tavares (Secretary), and Messrs. W. Adamson, A. A. Cordeiro, H. H. Taylor, B. C. Randall, J. H. Munton, J. Toppin, G. P. Lammer, D. Lopes, A. M. da Silva, A. A. Alves, Tong Hok-ting and Fung Tat-hang.

The five resolutions which were carried were all proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Messrs. Lammert, Fung Tat-hang, Taylor, Randall and Cordeiro.
Shanghai has lost several of its oldest residents who have departed for Home. These include Mr. H. F. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane. Mr. Bell came out in 1844 to the firm of Ibbert and Co. later becoming an Exchange Broker. He has been a consistent member of the Cathedral Choir, and an ardent Volunteer and sportsman, and will be missed in these circles. Major Cochrane came to Shanghai in 1910 for the Blue Funnel Line, and is an ardent engineer and golfer. Mrs. Cochrane has rendered very effective acting service to the Shanghai A.D.C. and will be very much missed.

AMONG THE BANDITS.

How Kidnappers Work.

"KWONG SHUN" GANG'S RETREAT.

Some Interesting Details.

(By Gai Ming for the China Mail.)

With kidnapping a topic of the day, following the "Kwong Shun" launch piracy, it is topical to recall some of the lesser known aspects of this evil.

There are two large bandit strongholds in the Canton delta. One is not far from Kowloon and is known as "Fu Dau San," or Tiger Crescent Mountains. The other is "Tai Lung Tung," which is near the Shun Tak silk district. Judging from the reports by the coolies whom the "Kwong Shun" bandits released, it appears as if the gang must belong to one of these retreats. Furthermore, if the distances given by the coolies are at all correct, the "Kwong Shun" victims must be near "Fu Dau San," which is marked out on a chart in the Hongkong Harbour Office as running through two or three of the Sze Yap districts and into Heungshan.

Efforts to storm these fastnesses would be of little avail as the hiding places are impregnable to all but trained hill-fighters armed with the most modern equipment. Generally, the heights of the whole system are somewhat oval with inter-crossing ranges and spurs running off at tangents. The whole encloses an area which includes valleys and dales only approachable through narrow passes which can always be guarded from the adjacent heights. Secondly, the contour of the whole system is so intricate that even if each pass were stormed in turn, the sequel would only be skirmishing or guerrilla warfare from one height to another with the attacking force's flanks exposed and possibly the rear threatened. Attempts at conquest by a grand siege would be futile as dotted here and there inside the hills are villages, the inhabitants of which are semi-bandits who sell their crops to the outlaws. It is estimated that the place can be self-supporting for a year and there is no secret about the stocks of ammunition hoarded there. Gossip says that the possibilities of an attack by air have presented themselves to the bandits as one well-known chief is supposed to have been in Macao a few years ago trying to open up avenues for the purchase of aeroplanes and the training of pilots.

Not Robin Hoods.

Including irregulars—those who make trips away from the hills to do the soldier's uniform on occasion warrants and others who are agriculturists by profession but are ready to join the outlaws when opportunity occurs—the bandits in "Fu Dau" are said to number about three thousand. There is no big chief like Sun Mei-yao, of Lincheng; but there are seven or eight main divisions each ruled by an autocrat. Each chief must have sufficient capital to finance his enterprises, tide over dull times and purchase munitions for his underlings. More important than shrewdness, personal bravery, ability to lead and quickness with firearms are a genial disposition and readiness to advance a few dollars to a comrade, and ability to retain the goodwill of neighbouring chiefs and villagers. Claims to Robin Hood glamour in "robbing the rich to relieve the poor"—a popular epithet in Chinese outlaws—are generally fictitious as has been demonstrated in wholesale captures from trains, villages and junks when even the poorest prize has had to find \$20 or so to effect his release.

Esprit de Corps.

Esprit de corps does exist to the extent of joining hands in big ventures when each gang takes a chance by dividing the captives as soon as the stronghold is reached and before inquiries have been instituted as to their victims' wealth. Each person taken is usually assessed by his clothing, the amount of money and jewellery and the roughness of his hands or feet. Batches are separated into classes and the gangs take an equal number of each. Sentries are provided by the different bands to guard the approaches to their territory but in the event of an attack on a large scale, they defend the place as a whole and assist one another. Nevertheless, more than one bandit has met his fate through the jealousy of a member of another gang.

It is not every Cantonese who appreciates why the four districts near Kowloon, known as the Sze Yap, should form the happy hunting ground of bandits. The

soil is, comparatively, poor and a large percentage of the men emigrate, mostly to America. They remit their savings to be invested in the country and with the male population reduced, the villages can offer little resistance. Protection from the authorities is less than nominal, hence the people make an easy mark for the outlaws. Those who have made money abroad almost invariably return home, representing valuable prizes for the kidnappers. This is one reason why Chinese are gradually settling in America while others have bought homes in Hongkong or Macao.

Formidable as the obstacles are, there have been campaigns against "Fu Dau." In recent years one budding general met with a measure of success until the bandits induced the civil population in the vicinity to obtain his removal by sending a petition to Canton alleging that his troops had committed excesses, whereas they were the exception to the rule and were the best-behaved of any that had been stationed there.

When The Manchus Ruled.

Since the 1911 Revolution, the kidnapping evil has been on the increase. When the Manchus ruled, women were never taken away as the bandits anticipated their relatives would not pay ransom for them. That is entirely changed now. Stories of luxurious treatment of wealthy captives have been found to be exaggerated. When there is a chance of a big sum, the victim might get a few delicacies and also better treatment, but if payment is not forthcoming quickly, rations are reduced, and beating, if not torture, becomes the rule. Exposure in the mountain dens has so weakened men used to the result of their privations even when released after a short term of captivity. Those of the poorer classes are treated in the most brutal manner. No matter how ready the victim's people be to pay up, a certain time must elapse before he is liberated. The bargaining and the preliminaries before payment must be made with a third party and invariably takes considerable time. The methods of extortion from a captive's people, are as old as the hills. Lurid descriptions of terrorism illustrate the unlucky victim's letters, written at the bandits' behest, and if these are not convincing, an ear or a finger will find its way to his home. Some of the third parties who receive payments on behalf of the bandits, protest their innocence. They state that proximity to the dens renders it imperative that they should obey and there is no alternative because of lack of protection.

Effective, if harsh, were the measures taken by one Manchu viceroy when the kidnapping evil in Kwangtung was in its infancy. He posted notices that ransom should not be paid under any circumstances and threatened all the elders and men of scholarly titles in the victim's commune or village, with confiscation of all the ancestral and personal possessions if they disobeyed. This involved the sacrifice of the lives of the first few batches of those kidnapped but as no ransoms were forthcoming, there were no more kidnapping crimes for some time.

Braves From The North.

Another provincial ruler devised the plan of calling upon a clan to deliver up bandit leaders who belonged to their particular commune. In those days it was imperative for a bandit to return to his native village at one time or another and this home-sickness usually led to capture. A certain period was allowed with dire penalties for non-capture once it was established that a notorious bandit came from a certain clan. This had the effect of restraining most of the bad characters from fear of involving their innocent brethren and kinsfolk. A more practical method was started by a Manchu military officer, who imported a regiment of braves from the North to fight the bandits. They went out with long swords in the shape of scythes and, did very well till the advent of firearms. Unfortunately, none of these measures can be copied in respect

KAIS TROUBADOURS.

HAWAIIAN ARTISTES AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

A two hour's programme of Hawaiian music, either in song or dance, would pall, and despite its obvious seduction, the average foreign audience would yawn and express its boredom. Ernest K. Kaai knows his audience well and has wisely selected his programmes with a variety which redounds to his credit and at the same time holds the enthusiasm and attention of the audience to the end.

Probably the theatre patrons were a little dubious last night after their recent disappointment with Hawaiian music for there were several vacant seats in the Theatre Royal. But the new Troubadours dispelled all misgivings and the continual encores that were called showed that they had been received very well indeed. The music of Hawaii, in vocal solos, trios, instrumental and the inevitable hula dance filled the first half of the programme and brought forth the undoubted talent of the Troubadours. The second part of the evening's entertainment was an elegant proof of the company's versatility. The "Jazz Four"—Jimmy Lakila (piano) David Kaia (saxophone) produced jazz so infectious that the audience was insatiable in its demand for more.

Ernest Kaai, himself, with a number of instrumental jingles performed on a miniature bongo and Queenie Kaia, the heavy but happy hula girl added further to the laurels and at the end, the audience was shaking with laughter and reluctant to depart. Layley Haywood's interpretation of the "Hula" Persuasion, was graceful and a tonic for the prudish. David Kaia scored his success with vocal items.

Kaai's are a merry crowd. Every member can do something else, as it were. Even if one cares not for Hawaiian sentiment expressed chiefly at the beginning, the Troubadours' second half is fully worth the money.

Liverpool, March 14.—In the Waterloo Cup Final, Cushey Job beat Whitechapel. The betting was 3 to 1 against the winner.

The following appointments are announced in the current issue of the Government Gazette:—Dr. J. B. Addison M.B.E., to be Principal Civil Medical Officer; Mr. R. E. Lindell to act as Police Magistrate; Mr. J. M. Breen to be Postmaster General; Lance Sergt. H. B. Phillips to be a Sanitary Inspector for Stanley.

of the passengers taken on the "Kwong Shun." Hongkong has no communes to fall back upon and the earlier methods would be considered harsh to-day. However, an organised attack by Southern braves with machine-guns, mountain, artillery and bombs instead of Northerners with swords, might have the desired effect.

Bandit Slang.

Special slang terms are used among the Cantonese bandits, the best-known of which is "Sum." This word is usually written as the character for ginseng, a very valuable plant (or root) which grows wild and is appreciated by the Chinese for supposedly restorative purposes, but has been found to have little or no medicinal value. Captives are described as "Sum" and the taking of them for ransom is described as "Lai Sum," the first word conveying "arrest." Ginseng is imported into China from America, Korea and other places, a moderate quality costing as much as \$30 or \$40 a pound. When talking of the means of various victims, bandits generally describe them as "native," "Korean," or "American," according to the amount likely to be forthcoming in ransom.

When a raid is planned upon a house or village, the most-experienced undertake the duties of look-outs and scouts and these are called "Bah Fung" which means "watch the wind."

Pardon, followed by enlistment into service, of bandits, is not uncommon. Viceroy in the Manchu regime have been known to give a pardon and rank to bandit leaders, and then to decapitate them when they have been enticed from the hills. There were a number who, however, rendered good service after reforming. Lau Yee, or "Black Lau," renowned for his resistance against the French on the Indo-China border and the Japanese in Formosa, was a typical example. Some of the most widely known military commanders in recent Kwangtung and Kwangsi history are also alleged to have been bandit leaders before they entered politics in the early days of the Revolution.

A RECORD YEAR.

A. S. WATSON & CO. MAKE \$373,863, PROFIT.

The management and staff of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd. were congratulated this morning on the record working of the company last year. At the thirty ninth annual meeting held at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. C. B. Brooke, who seconded the adoption of the report and accounts said that the year 1923 had eclipsed the company's 1922 record for excellent result.

Mr. Henry Humphreys, presiding, said that they appreciated the kind words of Mr. Brooke's and he was sure the staff would greatly appreciate them.

Besides Mr. Humphreys at the Director's table were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. White, J. Scott Harston and J. H. Tarrant (Secretary).

In presenting the annual report:—The Chairman said: I propose with your permission to take the Report and Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report as read.

I have again the satisfaction of presenting you with a record account and a record dividend. The increase of profit for the period under review amounts to \$129,200.34 more than the profit for the previous twelve months. Of the above sum \$61,834 has accrued from the sale of our Shares and Stanley Street properties, which you will observe no longer figure in the accounts. The balance viz.—\$67,366.34 represents increased trading profit, a condition of affairs which I think you will agree with me is a matter for mutual congratulation.

You will note that a new property features for the first time in our accounts, what we call the Island site. This, when we have acquired the additional piece of land we are in treaty for, will measure some 21 mow. It is situated next to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's property and has a considerable water frontage, the depth of water at low tide being sufficient to float coasting steamers. The intention is to remove our existing Aerated Water Factory on the Shameen to this site. We originally intended to build a new factory on the Shameen and with that end in view, we purchased Shameen Lot No. 82 for \$45,000, but the expansion of our Canton business has been such that we are convinced that the Shameen Lot will be too small for our requirements. No harm has been done however as property on the Shameen has appreciated since we bought and in the meantime—pending the construction of a new factory on Honan Island—our Shameen lot more than pays for itself, saving as it does much money in godown rent and fire insurance.

We shall commence building operations on the new factory as soon as we have acquired the piece of extra land already alluded to, and plans and tenders are approved. They will entail the expenditure of not less than three lakhs, possibly more, and we therefore propose as from 1st November next to increase the Capital of the Company from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 by the issue of 30,000 shares at par in the proportion of one new share for three old. In view of the high price at which our shares now stand (a price which in my opinion is quite justified), this issue of new shares at par may be regarded in the light of a special bonus. Notice will be given in due course of an Extraordinary General Meeting to pass the necessary resolution.

I trust the appropriations to Reserve Fund, Staff Provident Fund and Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund meet with your approval. As regards the Staff Provident Fund, only those who have been subscribers one year or more prior to October 31, 1923, will participate in the allocation. The Auditors have, subject to your confirmation, been granted an increased remuneration of \$300 per annum between them. Our Audit is a very long affair, and covers a period, from start to finish, of several months.

I have no further remarks to make. Gentlemen, and now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be passed. When the motion is duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may have to ask.

The re-election of Sir Paul Chater, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. H. P. White as Directors was carried by a resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and H. Greenwood were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of \$750. Mr. D. E. Clark proposed the resolution and Mr. G. A. Lawrence seconded.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday.

SERIOUS BLAZE AVERTED.

MOTOR BUS WORKS THREATENED.

CRACKER SHOP FIRE.

BRIGADE'S SMART WORK.

The prompt arrival of the Kowloon Fire Brigade and the speedy work of employees of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company saved a fire which broke out at a cracker shop at 166 Portland Street, Mongkok last night from developing into a serious blaze which would have enveloped and probably gutted the Motor Bus Company's Works and Garage.

Three minutes after the call was received at 11.10 p.m., the Fire Brigade arrived at the burning factory. The fire had only just started on the ground floor but threatened to involve the whole three storeys, the two upper being tenements. It took scarcely longer than five minutes for the firemen to gain mastery, thus saving the flames from spreading to the upper floors and across a very narrow alleyway which divided the house from the motor bus company. The employees at the garage wasted no time when they saw the blaze in the cracker shop for they did not know whether or not there were explosives on the premises. They quickly moved all the motor buses into the roadway out of danger, which facilitated the work of the firemen and allowed them free space for the spread of the hose pipe. Fortunately, the cracker shop was comparatively empty of explosive material and though it was gutted, the floors above were hardly affected. There were no casualties. The Fire Brigade's smart work was commendable.

ROAD ALAZE. Another fire at 8.15 this morning proved not so serious. A boiling cauldron of tar on the Shantung Street at Mongkok had overflowed and set fire to the road surface. For five minutes or so, it was a strange sight to see the road burning. Chemicals used by the Kowloon Fire Brigade extinguished the fire.

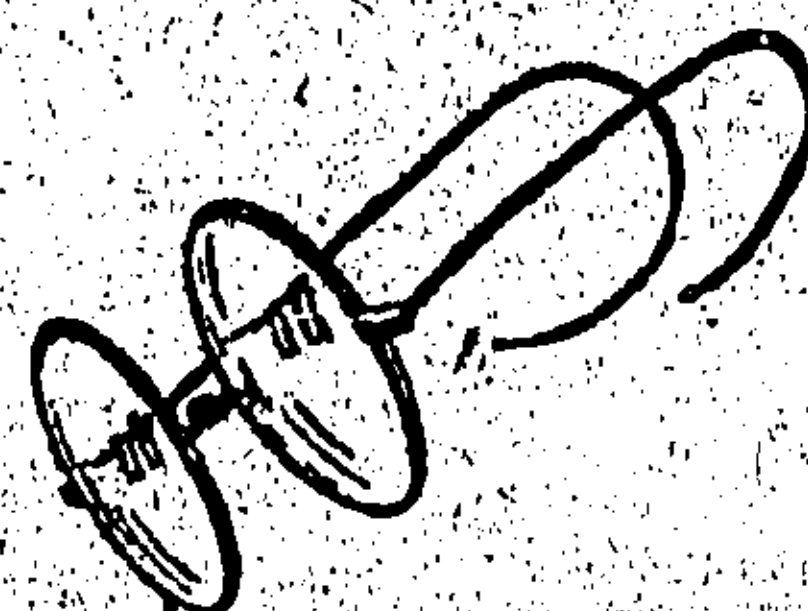
WHAT HE MEANT.

"What do you mean? A man of over eighty, you send me to prison?" shouted a defendant before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, when the interpreter explained the sentence.

Defendant had been arrested on the Praya with a little illicit opium in his possession and His Worship ordered a fine of \$42 or a month in jail. When defendant shouted out, the Magistrate replied "Yes, an old man of eighty should know better than to break the law."

The Wah Tse Yat Po, mentions a Chinese steamship company is about to erect several wharves and build a number of steamers to be put on the Hongkong, Canton Macao and Wuchow trade.

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CHURCH IN CHINA.

VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YESTERDAY'S "AT HOME."

Interesting speeches dealing with the work which is being done by the Anglican Church in China were made at the "at home" held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, in honour of the Rt. Rev. Bishop F. R. Graves and Bishop F. L. Norris, of Shanghai and Peking, who arrived here en route to Canton to attend the synod of the "Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui," of which organisation they are Chairman and Secretary respectively.

The East Surrey's band played during tea and after the reception a well attended meeting was held, amongst those present being His Excellency the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, and Lady Stubbs, H.E. Major-General Sir John Fowler, Sir Claude Severn, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock. His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria presided, and supporting him were a number of Bishops who are temporarily staying in Hongkong pending their visit to Canton to attend the Synod.

Addressing the gathering, the Bishop of Victoria welcomed the visiting prelates, particularly mentioning Bishop Sing, the first Chinese Bishop. He expressed regret that political disturbances had prevented the attendance of Bishop Cassells, of Western China, and Bishop Holden, of Kwangsi, Hunan. There is another Bishop whose presence they should miss at the Synod, namely Bishop C. P. Scott, the retired Bishop of North China, who still gave such valuable help in the Councils of the Church. In all they hoped to have with them fourteen Bishops at the Synod to be held at Canton next week, and Delegates from ten out of the eleven Dioceses of the "Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui."

Dipping into the past, the Bishop asked whether Dr. Boone of the American Church who was consecrated first Bishop of China in 1844 or Dr. George Smith, who was consecrated first Bishop of Victoria in 1849, in the moments of their most inspired imaginings, these two men could have dreamed that in the space of a single lifetime two National Churches could have come into being as a result of their labours and of those working with them—the "Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui" with eleven Dioceses, and the "Nippon Sei Ko Kai" in the neighbouring country of Japan, with eight Dioceses and with two Japanese as Diocesan Bishops.

"To-day," His Lordship confessed, "it is true, the 'Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui' is small in numbers, and amid all the conferences being held in the world its Synod may pass almost unchronicled and unobserved in the march of human affairs. But to the eye that sees, that small gathering to be held next week in Canton speaks of a day when the little one we see there before us shall have become a thousand, and is a pledge of the great Church of China that is to be, which shall make its worthy contribution within the great family of Churches. In the work we are doing to-day in China we are building not for to-day, but for two hundred years hence, and for far beyond that."

Referring to the establishment three years ago, largely at Lady Severn's suggestion, of a Hongkong Branch of the Victoria Diocesan Association, the Bishop said that the idea of the Association was that it should band together in one all who by their interest, their prayers, their gifts, and their services, were willing to help forward the work of this Diocese. During the three years that had elapsed a quiet steady work had been going on. There had been difficulties to be surmounted, but progress had been made, and chiefly along two lines. In the first place the Association was proving to be a link between the Church workers here and their supporters at home. In the second place, the V.D.A. was proving to be a link between the Colonial and Chinese work in this Diocese. At Christmas gifts were sent to the poorer children in the Chinese Schools in the different parts of this Diocese. Hospital supplies were provided for their two hospitals at Pakhoi and Yunnanfu; and for the hospital at Kwelin in the neighbouring Diocese of Kwangsi, Hunan.

Grants of money were also made, the principle they tried to observe being that grants of money made to the Chinese Church by the Victoria Diocesan Association should be met by corresponding grants from the Chinese Finance Board, which was established two years ago.

with Mr. Lam Woo as Treasurer, and Mr. J. M. Wong, J.P. as one of the Hon. Secretaries.

Here the Bishop said he should like to bear testimony to the efficiency of the work of the Finance Board and of the generosity of the Chinese Church in this Diocese. His hope was that on this return from leave a Chinese section of the Victoria Diocesan Association might be established, thereby providing a further link between the Chinese and the Colonial side of the work.

"I trust," the Bishop said, "that this year will be one of expansion, and that this meeting may mark the beginning of a steady advance both here and at home; and I ask all Hongkong residents here present who are not yet members of the Victoria Diocesan Association to read through the papers in their hands, and to join the Association before they leave the hall to-day."

His Lordship concluded his address by moving the adoption of the balance sheet and thanking all those who had so generously given their help—to the authorities of the City Hall for the use of this building, to the Band of the East Surrey Regiment for their kind services; to Lady Severn and the secretary of the Victoria Diocesan Association for all their ready help; to Mrs. Wolfe and those who have been responsible for the tea; to Mrs. Lay as the leader of the Hospital Supply working party; to Mrs. Strahan as secretary for Hospital Supplies; to Mrs. Forster for contribution to the V.D.A. Stall at the Annual Sale for Overseas Missions at South Kensington; to the Organisers of the School Concert in aid of the work at Nanning; to Mrs. Wolfe and her helpers for organising the Christmas Gifts, and to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Owen Hughes.

Sir Claude Severn said he need not say that it was a great pleasure to be asked to speak on behalf of the Victoria Diocesan Association. When he was invited to preside at the annual meeting of the Association in London last year, however, he felt much handicapped, because he had to follow two chairmen—Sir John Jordan and Sir Charles Addis—both of whom had no official responsibilities and were able to talk at large on any subject they liked.

The Bishop of Victoria, continued Sir Claude, would go home to the meeting at the Mansion House greatly encouraged by the very fine meeting held in the City Hall. What the Bishop needed, besides general encouragement, was a great deal more help from the financial point of view than he had so far received. "Sir Claude suggested that the members of the V.D.A. should make up their minds as to exactly how much they could give annually, and then give it."

"I feel," added Sir Claude, "peculiarly fitted to make this appeal, for as I was leaving my house this morning Lady Severn pointedly told me that I had not contributed a single dollar to the Association." (Laughter.) Anyway, I mean to reform. The Bishop and his Council should have sufficient funds at their disposal to deal with any special work that may arise."

V.D.A. Annual Report.

The following was the report of the Victoria Diocesan Association:

During the winter months a hospital supplies work party has met in the Cathedral Hall each Monday morning. Christmas gifts for poorer children and for those in hospital were collected and dispatched to various centres in the diocese. Gifts of grass lawn were sent home for the V.D.A. stall at Kensington. Grants have been made to the value of \$4,283.08 for various objects in the diocese. A combined schools' concert was given at the City Hall in aid of the work at Nanning. Study circles for men and women were held during Lent and Advent. The accounts show a credit balance of \$1,776.95.

1924 Office Bearers.

The following were elected office bearers for 1924:—
Hon. Secretaries: Lady Severn, Mrs. Fettes, Mrs. Davidson and Miss Patterson.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. Owen Hughes.
Committee: Mrs. T. Arnott, Mrs. G. E. Arrowsmith, Archdeacon Barnett, Mrs. C. Cavalier, Miss Clarke, Rev. W. T. Feather-

stone, Mr. L. Forster, Mrs. L. Forster, Miss Ferguson, Miss Innes, Mrs. T. H. King, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. R. J. Northcott, C.F., Miss Pitts, Mrs. Pollock, Rev. T. B. Powell, Mrs. Shellhears, Miss Taylor, Mr. E. C. Thomas, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave and Captain A. E. Watts.

FENGTAI ASSAULT.

PEKING, March 14.

The *Far Eastern Times* says that the British Foreign Office yesterday instructed the Legation to demand a re-trial of Colonel Chen Kuo Hsien who was in command of the soldiers who attacked Mr. Bessel (a railway official) at Fengtai, stating that the British Government refused to recognise the court martial proceedings since no British observer was present. Accordingly the legation sent a note to the Waichiaoou asking for the trial of Colonel Chen at an early date and that two British observers be allowed to attend.

There has been no secret for some time that a so-called court martial was held on Chen at Taku at which no witnesses for the prosecution were called and Chen was sentenced to twenty-eight days and cashiered, while a soldier on whom the blame the actual assault was placed was given two years at a separate trial in Peking. It is understood that a report of these trials was sent home for instructions regarding the attitude which the Legation should take.—*Reuter*.

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	2nd Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursd
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr.	Inland, Townsville, Brisban
"EASTERN"	4,000	28th May	Sydney & Melbourne.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN			
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	23rd Mar.	Moji and Kobe.
"JAPAN"	6,051	23rd Mar.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	4,363	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"HOUAN"	8,960	4th Apr.	Shanghai.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASSI"	7,430	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,197	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,010	3rd May	Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	17th May	Shanghai.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	18th May	Yokoh., Moji and Kobe.
"MORRA"	13,911	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARURA"	9,000	7th June	Shanghai.
"SOUHAN"	6,646	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,598	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALW"	10,541	27th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,570	6th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	10th July	Shanghai.
"DEVANHA"	8,692	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,892	25th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,014	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	11,430	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASSI"	8,963	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARURA"	9,911	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	11,430	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASSI"	10,541	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,598	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Best Sialoin.—Mai Long Pa ... lb.	30	34	18
Prime Oat	30	34	12
Corned.—Hau Ngau Yak ...	30	32	30
Roast.—Shit	30	32	32
Roast.—Ngau Nam	31	30	18
Soup.—Tong Yuk	35	26	20
Steak.—Ngau Yui Pa	30	34	23
Steak Sialoin.—Ngau Lak ...	30	30	35
Sausages	30	30	30
Spillock.—Ngaun	18	10	19
Tongue, fresh.—Hau Ngai Li each	60	50	60
Tongue, scoured.—Hau Ngau Li each ... cents.		60	
Head.—Ngau Tau ... each 1.00	1.00	1.00	1.80
Head.—Ngau Sam ... lb.	18	13	14
Hump, Salt.—Hau Kiu, each	18	10	18
Feet.—Ngau Kiu, each	18	10	13
Kidney.—Ngau Yui ... lb.	13	10	13
—Ngaui Mei	21	30	22
Liver.—Ngau Kioe ... lb.	13	13	14
Tripe (unseasoned), Ngau To lb. 8			7
liver, Head and Feet.—Ngau-tai-			
ba-hoak each \$1.20	1.00	1.00	
Mutton Chop.—Yungai Poi Kwai lb. 43	28	23	
Leg.—Young Pal	43	28	
Shoulder.—Young Shan ...	37	34	
Feet.—Ngau Kiu, each	40	40	
Big's Chilling.—Chu Cheung ...	35	25	
Brates.—Jai Nu ... per set 3	12		
Wash.—Jai Kwai lb.	18	15	
Fry.—Jai Oat 30	13	18	
Head.—Chu Tai 24	20		
Heart.—Chu Sam 10	10		
Kidney.—Chu Yiu 10	8		
Liver.—Chu Kon lb. 43	30	24	
Pork Chop.—Chu Pal Kwai ...	33	23	
Leg.—Chu Poi 28	26		
Loins.—Chu Hui Tan 19			
Foot or Lard.—Chu Yui ...	22	21	
Sheep's Head and Feet.—Young			
Tau-Kenk each 60	60	70	
Heart.—Young Sam ... each 12	4	7	
Kidney.—Young Yui each 18	10	10	
Liver.—Young Kon lb. 40	26	26	
Suckling Pigs, to order.—Chu Tai ...	25	25	
Suit, Best.—Shang Ngau Yui ...	30	30	18
Mutton.—Shang Young Tai ...	42	38	24
Feet.—Ngau Tai Yui 34	30	19	
Sausages.—Yungai Tai Cheung ...	30	20	

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Babbel,—Ka Yu	lb.	98	19	24
Broom,—Pin Yu	"	24	30	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish				
Hol Sin Yu	"	22	13	18
Carp,—Li Yu	"	80	16	27
Catfish,—Chik Yu	"	26	18	9
Codfish,—Man Yu	"	90	30	25
Crabs,—Hai	"	40	22	28
Cuttle Fish,—Mok Yu	"	24	18	
Dace,—Sha Heng Yu	"	60	23	15
Dog,—Wong Mei Lap	"	16	10	9
Dog Fish,—Tib To Sha	"	12	10	8
Koi, Conger,—Hot Man	"	35		
Fresh Water,—Tan Shui Yu	"	24	20	18
Yellow,—Wong Shi	"	42	36	25
Frog,—Tai Kai	"	15	25	20
Garoupa,—Shok Pan	"	70	40	30
Gudgeon,—Fuk Kap Yu	"	26	18	15
Herrings,—To Pak	"	30	22	18
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	"	24	18	23
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	"	30	22	16
Loach,—Yu Yu	"	66	23	24
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	"	50	23	21
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	"	32	30	20
Mink Fish,—Hong Yu	"	42	24	20
Mullet,—Tau Yu	"	31	18	2
Oysters,—Shang Ho	"	39	16	22
Parrot Fish,—Hai King Yu	"	70	14	10
Pearl,—Tin Lo	"	22	20	15
Pike,—Fa Pan Fong	"	43	18	9
Plaice,—Pan Yu	"	40	23	14
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	"	40	23	20
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	"	45	36	30
Prawns,—Ming Si	"	80	28	45
Say,—Pai Pa Sha	"	21	10	14
Rock Fish,—Shok Kau Kong	"	22	13	18
Rosch,—Onn Yu	"	38	22	18
Salmon,—Ma Yau	"	60	30	30
Shark,—Sha Yu	"	12	8	
Skate,—Ho Yu	"	16	10	10
Shrimps,—Pi Yu	"	26	23	20
Snapper,—Lap Yu	"	48	32	30
Soles,—Tai Sha Yu	"	26	28	23
Tench,—Wau Yu	"	40	22	18
Turbot,—Too Hau Yu	"	38	19	21
Turtles, small fresh water				
Kank Yu 1.25			40	

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Chicken, -Kal	the	one	1b.
Capons, Small, -Etu Kal	one	1b.	25
Capons, Large, -Stu Ka	one	1b.	30
Duck, -Ap	one	1b.	25
Ducks, -Pan Kan	each	1b.	25
Geese, -Hwa, -Kal Pan (cocking) per doz.	25	18	
Goose, Hen, -Kal Pan (fresh) per doz.	30	25	
Goose, Hatched, -Khu	1b.	64	24
Wings, Hatched, -Hol Kan	1b.	35	24
Geese, -Nye	each	34	24
Pigeons, Common, -Pa Kap, each	40	25	
Hohow, -Hol Han Pak Kap	each	40	25
Turkeys, Cook, -Fo Kal Kung	1b.	70	60
Turkeys, Hot, -Fo Kal Na	1b.	60	55
Snipe, -Etu Tui	each	1b.	
Shame, -Shan Kal	1b.	1, 10	
Quail, -Om Ohm	1b.	1b.	
Partridges, -Oho Ku	1b.	1, 00	

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Fruits.		
Almonds, - Hang Yau	lb.	35
Apples, (California), - Kam Shan Ping To	25	24
Bananas, (birds'), - Macao, - Shan Hong Chiu	5	4
Cashambola, - Yeung To	12	10
Cocconags, - Yo To	each 11	12
Lemons, China, - Ling Mang	lb. 12	7
Lemons, (America), - Kam Shan Ling Mang	each 8	26
Liches, dried, (small) - Shing Lai Chi Kam	25	2
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet - Shan-shang Tim Chang, lb	12	10
Oranges, Tim Chang	20	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooching, - Sha Ei	14	14
Pearns, - Fa Shang	12	10
Pursummons, Large, - Hung Tse	12	12
Plantain, - Tai Chia	5	2
Pumelo, Slam, - Taim Lo Yau	each 25	13
Walnuts, - Hop To	lb. 15	10
Grapes, - Fo Tai Tan	25	50

Vegetables, &c

Artichokes, — Ah Chi Cheuk	10	10
Beans, Sprouts, — Nga Tsoo	5	8
" Long, — Tau Kok	12	8
Beet Root, — Hung Tsoek Tau	10	8
Bitter Squash, — Fu Kwa	10	—
Brussels, Green, — Ching Yau Kwa	6	5
" Red, — Hung Kwa	6	5
Cabbage Chinese, (common), —		
" Red Tsoi	8	5
" (Shanghai) — Ye Tsoi	10	12
Care Shoots, bunch, — Kan Sheen	—	—
Carrot (large), — Ye Tsoi Waa chong	50	—
(Medium), —	15	—
(Small), —	12	—
Carrow, — Lam Shun	10	6
Celery Outcrop, — Tong Kan Tsoi	6	10
Chillies, Dried, — Kao Tai Chai	30	22
" Red, — Hong Fa Chai	15	10
" Green, — Ching Lai Chai	14	9
Corry Shrub, English, — Ka Li Chi Kwa	10	10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	10	2
" Garlic, — Sam Tau	5	5
" Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Kwang	10	7
" Ginger, old, — Lo Kaung	10	10
" Horned-hill, Shanghai, — Tai Hau	20	45
" Indian Corn, — Shuk Mai	10	6
" Lettuce, — Young Shing Tsoi	10	6
" Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	10	6
" Mandarin, — Kwai		
" Lam Ma Ai	12	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shing Tso Ku th	10	—
Onions	10	1
Onions, Bombay, — Young Chung Tau th	10	8
Onions, Green, — Shing Chung th	6	4
Onions, Shanghai, — Sheng-hoi		
" Chung Tau	8	6
Parsley, — Kan Tsoi	30	30
Potato, Sweet, — Fan Shu	5	2
" Japanese, — Yat Fan Shu Tai th	5	3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tai th	3	3
Pumpkin, — Tung Kwa	10	4
Radicis, — Hung Ie Pak Tai	5	—
Rhubarb (French), — Tai Wong	5	—
Shallots, — Hong Chong Tau	5	8
Splach, — Yin Tsoi	5	—
Tomatoes, — Fan Ke	6	7
Taro, — Wa Tau	4	8
Turnips, Punkt, (long), — So Pak	5	4
Vegetable Marrow, — Tait Kwa	8	15
Water Cress, — Shi Young Tsoi	10	0
Lily root, — Elin Ngau	10	0

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMER	SAILING
MANILA via AMOY	SUISANG	15th Mar., 11 a.m.
SERATE and CALCUTTA	HO SANG	16th Mar., 3 p.m.
HATTHONG via HONGKOW	LE SANG	16th Mar., 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	CHONGSING-Tsao	18th Mar., Noon
BANGKOK via SWATOW	CHANG SANG	18th Mar., 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	19th Mar., 7 a.m.
SERATE and CALCUTTA	NAM SANG	23rd Mar., 7 a.m.
SARAT via SWATOW	TA KANG	24th Mar., 7 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	WING SANG	23rd Mar., 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	MAU SANG	23rd Mar., 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	LO SANG	24th Mar., 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TUNG SING	30th Mar., 4 p.m.
Kobe	RUTSANG	10th Apr., 4 p.m.

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KITANO MARU	Wednesday, 26th March

KIYOSO MARU Wednesday, 30th March
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM:
MATSUYE MARU Saturday, 5th April
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA:
DELACOGA MARU Saturday, 15th March
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila &c.
TANGA MARU Wednesday, 19th March

YANGON MARU Wednesday, 18th Mar. at 12
YOSHINO MARU Wednesday, 18th Apr.
NEW YORK, and/or BOSTON VIA PANAMA
LISBON MARU Saturday, 2nd March
BUENOS AIRES via Spore, Durban & Cape Town.
KANAGAWA MARU Tuesday, 8th May
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

PENANG MARU		Saturday, 15th March
TAMBA MARU		Saturday, 12nd March
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
TOKUSHIMA MARU		Sunday, 23rd March
AWA MARU		Monday, 31st March
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
AKI MARU		Friday, 11th April

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R.R. "ADOLF V. BATES"		

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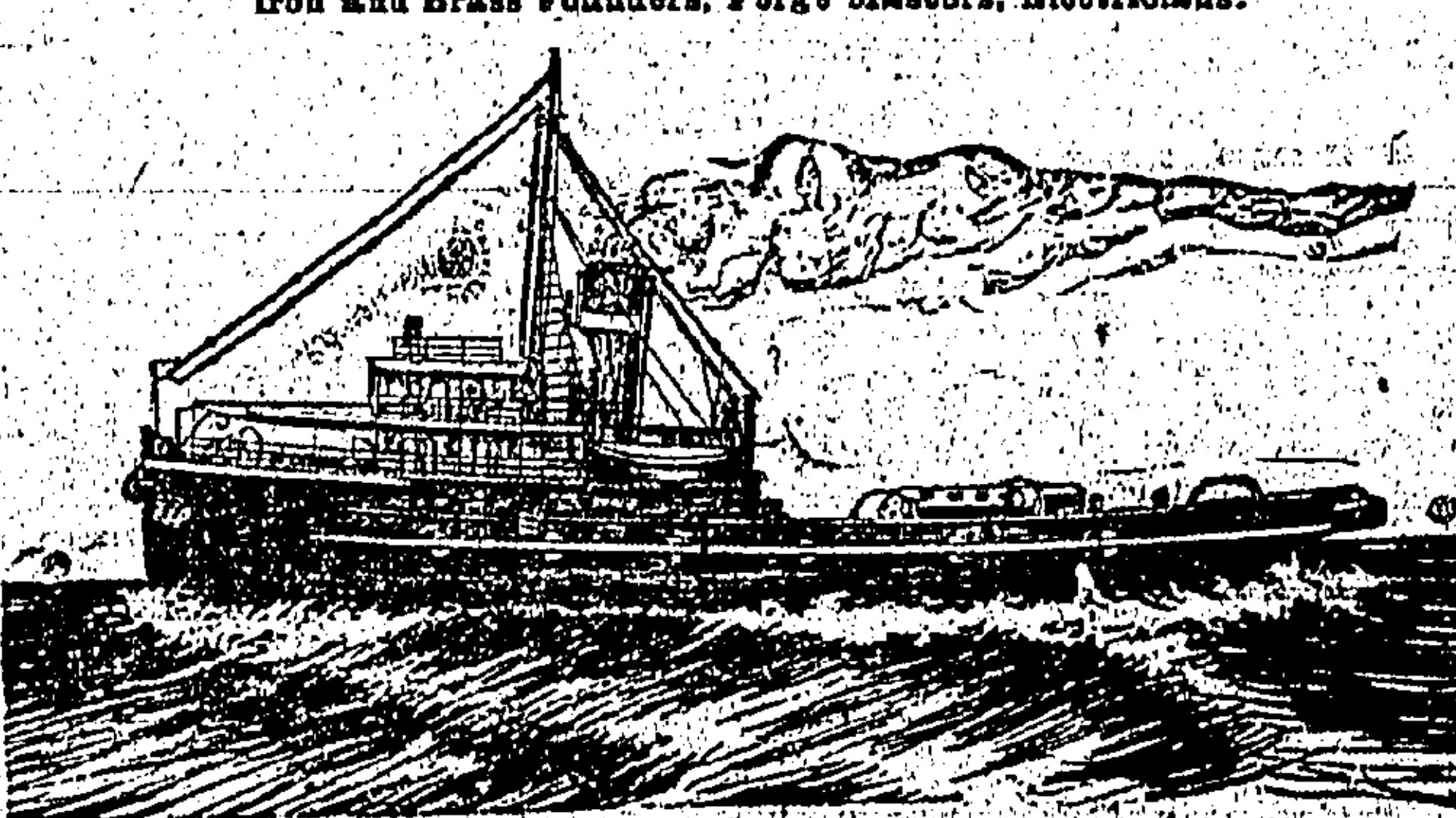
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CHURCH NOTES. WHERE IS THE CHURCH FAILING? ANGLO CATHOLICS.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.
Those who know best are continually telling us that the progress of Christianity cannot be reckoned by the mere counting of heads. This was a rather soothing doctrine to have in one's mind at the recent Church of England Diocesan Conference, where the attendance was not on the large side. This was a pity, as the tone of the meeting was excellent, the speeches inspiring and instructive and the subjects under discussion of much importance. This paper by the Rev. R. J. Northcott, which was fully reported in the newspapers, was thought-provoking and showed much insight and shrewd judgment. He spoke on "Where is the Church failing?" and was supported by other speakers in his appeal for the display of more common sense and elasticity in the usual Church services. In the course of his weighty presidential address the Bishop made reference to the non-observance of Church going on Sundays. It may be that a hint was intended that the Churches should offer the usual Sunday services as far as possible on at least one week day. Such a course would help to dispel the fallacy that Sunday only is intended as a day of worship. If Evensong with an address was held on a week day at the Cathedral and St. Andrew's with an early celebration of the Holy Communion, and this tried over a long period perhaps the result as regards attendance would be far from discouraging. At present, Matins is the usual service at the Cathedral with Holy Communion on Thursdays. The Lenten Wednesday evening services are not exactly over-crowded. We should like the opinion of readers on this subject.

WHERE IS THE CHURCH FAILING?
It was perhaps a healthy sign that in the discussion on this subject the Padres who spoke were inclined to blame themselves for much of the apparent indifference to organised religion. For ourselves we are inclined to think that a large measure of blame falls on the laity who for the most part don't lift their little finger to help the Padres on what is after all a difficult job in these parts. The Churches in the Colony are open all day for Prayer and Meditation. If the laity are not attracted to the ordinary services they might at least visit the churches on occasion to say a prayer for those who need all the help that is going.

ANGLO CATHOLICS—CONVERSION OF ENGLAND.
The following letter has been received:—
"Perhaps you will be able to throw some light on this subject of conversion of England as given in the following:—
"A fiery cross passed through parishes throughout the country will be the symbol of continuous intercession, chiefly for the Conversion of England, which Anglo Catholics are holding throughout next year (1924). While a church holds the cross it will be responsible for continuous prayer, day and night until passed on to the next parish.
A pilgrimage will also be made to Palestine and in April 500 pilgrims will visit the Mount of Olives and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
"Will that be done in this diocese? Do you, sir, think it worth while joining in such an intercession? Who are the Anglo Catholics trying to convert. Nationalists or Non-Conformists, heathens or heretics? Yours, etc., "Sympathetic but Perplexed."

As far as we know the Anglo Catholics are out to convert English people generally to their own view of Christianity which definitely gives first place to a sacramental presentation of Christianity. We think that their chief efforts will be directed to the heathen and the heretics. Although we cannot subscribe to all the tenets of the Anglo Catholics we shall pay for the success of their efforts. The process of real conversion i.e. turning to God, is in many cases life-long and there is no doubt that England is in need of a great spiritual movement. In this diocese we shall probably have a Mission or Crusade of Help on the lines perhaps of the recent mission to India—sometime next year. Its object, if not its methods, would very likely be the same—the conversion of the nominal and anti-Christian and the deepening of the spiritual life of those who are openly trying to live up to their baptismal vows.

THE BIBLE. I THESSALONIANS 4.
Is a quotation of St. Paul's own oral teaching to the Thessalonians, in contrast with the mainly written and unspoken teaching, secondarily as often in his teaching, against the spirit of covetousness, which is in some points akin to lust and often replaces it in old age. So far it is simply an enforcement of high morality on a corrupt age. But it goes on to brand these sins as a disgrace to our Christian calling, as drawing down God's vengeance, and as outraging the Spirit of God given to us; and thus it supplies the vital religious motive which is the true strength of morality.
STUDY CIRCLES
The Lenten Study circles began last Sunday in the Cathedral when

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HONGKONG IMPORTS. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly report on imports, issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce says:—
Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Piece Goods.—The market has been very inactive as regards new business although clearances have not fallen off to any extent. Dealers are holding off in the hope of lower prices at home.

Fancy Goods.—The volume of enquiry is maintained, but transactions put through are limited, and only become possible where concessions can be obtained from makers. Prices have not changed in the interval, and the tone of the market is firm.
Cotton Yarn.—Since our last report a limited business has been put through and prices have further declined \$6/8 per bale. Dealers are only buying for the immediate requirements. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$220/235. No. 12s. \$220/235. No. 16s. \$235/245. No. 20s. \$230/250. Arrivals 2,000 bales. Shipments nil. Sales 500 bales. Unsold 10,150 bales. Bargains 1,900 bales.

Woollens.—The market remains quiet, dealers having already bought their requirements for next season.
Raw Cottons.—No sales to report and quotations are purely nominal. Indian descriptions at \$43/58. Chinese staple \$45/60.

Metals.—Market quiet and steady.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: 1,300,000. Market: Quiet. Quotations: American Patent \$3.55 per sack; American Straight \$2.50 to \$2.75 per sack; American Cut off \$2.85 per sack Australian No. 1 \$2.87 per sack; Canadian Clear Cut \$2.65 per sack.

Sundries.—Window Glass.—Market easy. Heavy arrivals of early orders expected shortly.
Java Sugar.—Market quiet.
Philippines Sugar.—Market weak. Prices declining.
Saltpetre.—Stocks (9,000 bags) Very dull market since last report.

CHINA'S CUSTOMS DUTIES.

LONDON, March 14.
The Times, referring to the Chinese Government's present request to the Legations of the Powers signatory to the Nine-Power Treaty for a preliminary conference to discuss matters relating to the 2½% increase in Customs duties, suggests that the opportunity might be taken by the Press at Home as to the need for settlement of the claims of the Vickers-Macdonald loan note-holders, on which the interest is in default and the question of redemption, which will shortly arise.—
Reuter.

SHANGHAI PROPERTY.

An important property transaction has been completed in Shanghai, land to the value of over half a million taels changing hands.

The property in question is B. C. Lot 583 (Cadastral Lot 537), possessing an area of mow 125.22, and is situated at the junction of Chekiang, Hoopoh and Canton Roads. For the purposes of taxation it is assessed by the Municipal Council at the rate of Tls. 416.526. Three years ago this land, including the houses standing upon it, was bought for a sum of Tls. 268,000, and the owner has now sold it, also with the houses, for no less than Tls. 535,000. This works out at Tls. 42,000 per mow (houses included) against the Municipal Assessment of Tls. 33,000 (exclusive of houses). The value of the houses will certainly not be anything like the Tls. 9,000 difference shown here, and a genuine rise in land values is indicated.

A good discussion took place led by the Rev. R. J. Northcott on "Questions about God." The discussions are purely informal and will doubtless be found helpful by those who have doubts as to the Christian interpretation of life. Next Sunday the discussion will turn on the "Life of Jesus Christ." The laity are invited to the meeting which begins at 9.15.
Somewhere, somehow
Sometime each day
I'll turn aside and stop and pray
That God will make my Church
Of blessing unto men.
St. Andrew's Magazine.
N.B.—Correspondence on religious matters is invited and should be addressed to the writer c/o The China Mail.
—OXFORDS.

HITS A SHOAL. JAPANESE FREIGHTER. DAMAGED. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, March 14.
The Japanese freighter "Miako Maru" arrived here yesterday damaged, having run into a shoal in the Rho straits.

Berlin, March 14.—A remarkable economic recovery, since the stabilisation of the currency, is disclosed by the Chancellor stating that only 130,000 short time labourers are unemployed in Germany, compared with nearly two millions in November. The unemployed have been recently decreased by 300,000.—
Reuter.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CLUB. NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB. NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club, called in pursuance of a requisition by more than 20 resident members, will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, immediately after the yearly general meeting.

BUSINESS.—
As set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By order,
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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, March 24th, 1924, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1923.
2. To elect a New Committee.
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FILMS IN THE MAKING.

Interesting Visit To Los Angeles.

"Well," said the editor of the fourth journal I had encountered on this continent claiming to be "the world's greatest newspaper," "the studios don't like visitors any more and it's hard to get in, but I'll introduce you to our dramatic editor, and I guarantee he'll manage it for you." The dramatic editor was most affable, and furnished me with letters to the heads of the three greatest film studios of the universe. (You cannot be in California twenty-four hours without succumbing to the habit of using superlatives; I find myself bragging about the size of the British National Debt). These letters stated that I was a tremendously important person, member of the body that censored films in England, special commissioner for Britain's most important journals, and so on. From the fact that each letter started "Dear Joe," "Dear Arch," "Dear Abe," it is evident that the relationship between the studio managements and the critics is such as to insure absolutely impartial notices of new films.

Arrived at Hollywood, I see a large enclosure, looking much like a scenic railway at Earl's Court. It is the Pickford-Fairbanks Corporation Studios. In the office is a notice: "Not open to visitors," but my letter acts like magic, and the head himself takes me round. Two films are in preparation, one, "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" (who, do you think takes the lead? Yes, Mary Pickford. How came you to guess it?), and the other, "The Thief of Bagdad." Three thousand people are at work in the studios on this particular day, and on some occasions that number is increased to fifteen thousand. A gigantic photograph, some thirty by ten feet, of Haddon Hall, hangs in the open, from which the set builders may construct a truthful replica; on the day I visited the studio they had discovered some of the chimneys had been omitted. About half-a-mile further on is the facade of a great oriental palace, with a big vine climbing up it, up which, in turn, the thief (Douglas Fairbanks) has to climb. That gentleman is an excellent athlete, but close inspection of the ladder within the vine renders his feat just a little less blood-curdling than it will appear on the screen.

CINEMA CHATTER.

three magic episodes, the magic carpet (which is really going to move), the flying horse and the whirlwind, we enter a vast shot and witness a scene of "Dorothy Vernon." "That is Marshall Neilan producing," whispers my guide in an awe-struck voice, but my glance falls upon a green-looking lady (owing to the arc lamps, with her hair hanging down her back, whom Lat. once recognized as "Our Mary." It is less-Majesty, I know, but it must be said, her figure is charming, her hair as beautiful as ever, but voice is unpleasant, and the natural expression of her face strikes me a slightly sulky. Mary's mother, the redoubtable Mrs. Pickford, is critically watching the performance.

A Celebrity In Action.

After a brief exchange of civilities we move on to another portion of the studio. This looks more lively, with more people about. My companion walks up to a slender, bespectacled figure, looking something like a harlequin, who stands on one side, smoking a cigarette. He comes to me, shakes me cordially by the hand, and realises it is the celebrated Douglas Fairbanks, although he is several sizes smaller than I had pictured him. He is a "good mixer," as they say here, and talks affably. I tell him that Jane Addams had told me in Chicago, that the chief of police of Japan has informed her that Japanese bandits had learned how to hold up and rob a train from the American films; how all the censored films from the United States went to Japan, but as nothing is deemed to be immoral there, those portions have to be deleted, with ludicrous effect. "Doug," as he is affectionately termed everywhere here, says that the only occasions on which he has been censured thus far have been for performances in insane asylums, as the effect of witnessing feats of strength and agility have been found very bad upon the patients, who seek to emulate them. He had noted the success of "Hassan" in London, and seemed well informed. He told me he receives 4,000 letters a week, of which 3,000 are applying for posts.

The producer calls out: "Are you ready, Doug?" and a charming and gorgeously attired Eastern princess takes the centre of the stage. (There isn't any stage really, and attendants keep on sweeping the polished floor, to avoid footmarks showing on the film). The producer calls out: "Ready," Doug throws away his cigarette, the princess her chewing gum. He stands ready a little figure, she droops. The producer shouts, "Lights on." Music cameras. A shirt-sleeved orchestra of five starts one of the two tunes of its repertoire. Rachmaninov's Prelude in a tragic scene, a jazz if lively—the lights come on and turn the sickly green into an exquisite death of colours. The thief runs up to the princess, who faints becomingly

in his arms, the producer shouts, "So Jean," and a wonderfully attired Chinese bandit runs across a bridge towards the pair; the producer shouts, "Numbah," and another, less gorgeously attired, rascal hurries along. Doug throws up his hands and shouts, "No good." It seemed perfect to me, but the lady beside me, who was responsible for the scenario, told me that the first bandit was called too late, with the result that Doug had the lady in his arms, discovered she had fainted, and then not nothing to do for some seconds until the bandit reached him. They start all over again, and this time the scene is performed to everyone's satisfaction.

Each scene is filmed twice, in case of accidents. The music, I am told, is employed not merely to help the actors, but to tone up everybody—producer, camera-

men, and all. Even the fine colouring has this end in view, for a few tints only would be necessary for the photography. This calls for some strange things. A man in evening dress has to wear a yellow shirt, for example. The advantages of Los Angeles as a film centre are apt to be overrated. It is a beautiful clear atmosphere, but not so many scenes are taken in the open as is thought, except where absolutely necessary. For some technical reason which I do not understand, it gives bad effects, and many an apparent open-air scene is taken in a closed-in studio. For desert scenes Los Angeles is well-placed, although the natives always look for the acetylene trees in the background, which are a "give-away," as they term it. (A. Davies in "Observer.")



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of features that make "Ashes of Vengeance" not only the greatest picture of Norma Talmadge's career, but one of the most resplendent ever produced. But it is the drama itself, the romance of Yolande de Breux and Ruper de Vrieux, which is the most appealing feature of the production. These roles are played respectively by Norma Talmadge and Conway Tearle. Twenty screen notables are in the cast of principals in support of this twin, including Wallace Beery, Courtenay Poole, Josephine Crowell, Betty Francisco, Claire McDowell, André de Beranger, Murdock MacQuarrie, Boyd Irwin, Carmen Phillips, Winter Hall, William Clifford, Hector V. Sarno, Earl Schenck, Jimmy Cooley, Lucy Beaumont, Forrest Robinson, Mary McAllister, Kenneth Gibson, Howard Truesdell, Frank Leigh and little Jeanne Carpenter; and 400 extras are employed in the mob scenes.

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Glass came into contact with hundreds of their prototypes in his capacity as an attorney in New York City, and out of his experiences the stories were born. Published originally in the "Saturday Evening Post," they became popular overnight and within a short time their author was famous. The weekly battles of the partners over their business affairs made the nation laugh. Abe and Morris were real and human; that was the secret of the success attained by Glass.

Following publication in book form, the partners reached the stage, where "Potash and Perlmutter" ran for many years. Now the play has reached the screen and it is being shown next week at the Coronet Theatre, with Bernard and Carr playing their original parts, ably assisted by Vera Gordon and a notable cast.

"Potash and Perlmutter" is a First National picture and was directed by Clarence Badger for Samuel Goldwyn. Frances Marion made the adaptation from the play by Glass and Charles Klein.

"TRIFLING WOMEN."

Big New Rex Ingram Production.

Discriminating motion picture patrons will soon have an opportunity to witness one of the season's most notable screen successes, the latest production by Rex Ingram, the brilliant director who made "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "Turn to the Right," "The Conquering Power," and "The Prisoner of Zenda." The new Ingram opus is entitled "Trifling Women," and the name of the director is associated with it in several capacities in addition to that of producer. This photoplay is based on an original story by Mr. Ingram, and it was he who provided the screen adaptation.

Those who saw "Trifling Women" during its engagement at the Astor Theatre in New York were impressed with the success of the versatile director who, working in an unusual genre, his new photoplay is unlike anything he has done, yet it combines the elements of excellence that have stamped him as one of the hopefuls of the screen. It has the dramatic thrill of "The Four Horsemen"; the romantic beauty of "The Prisoner of Zenda," and the suspense of "The Conquering Power." It has, too, what is the most difficult of all, a remarkable attention to details, supreme good taste and intelligence, and an uncanny gift for pungent characterization.

"Trifling Women" is a story within a story. In order to point a moral to his pleasure-loving and frivolous daughter, who ignores a devoted lover, her author-father reads to her the manuscript of his new novel, the story of Zareda, the crystal gazer. He recounts the woman's terrific fascination, which leads brother to conspire against brother, and father against son. He tells of Zareda's hold on an old Baron, whose son Ivan, too, shares her favours; of the young man's departure to war; of the Baron's death at Zareda's instigation; of Ivan's return and his discovery that she has married a wealthy Marquis for his money; and, finally, of the illicit love of Ivan and Zareda, costing them their lives in the Sorcerer's Tower.

A perfect cast has been assembled by Mr. Ingram to enact the roles of the photoplay. Among them are a quartet who appeared in "The Prisoner of Zenda": Lewis Stone, Barbara La Marr, Edward Connelly and Ramon Novarro. Flawless acting is contributed by Mr. Stone, in the role of the wronged Marquis; by the beautiful Barbara La Marr, one of the most brilliant of the newer screen celebrities as Zareda; by Mr. Novarro, whose portrayal of young Ivan is certain to establish him as a famous leading man; and by Edward Connelly, the veteran character actor, whose impersonation of Ivan's father, the Baron de Maupin, is throughout masterly. Others in the cast are Pomory Cannon, Hughie Mack, Gene Poyer, John George, John F. Seitz contributed the unusually beautiful photography. Starrett Ford was production manager.

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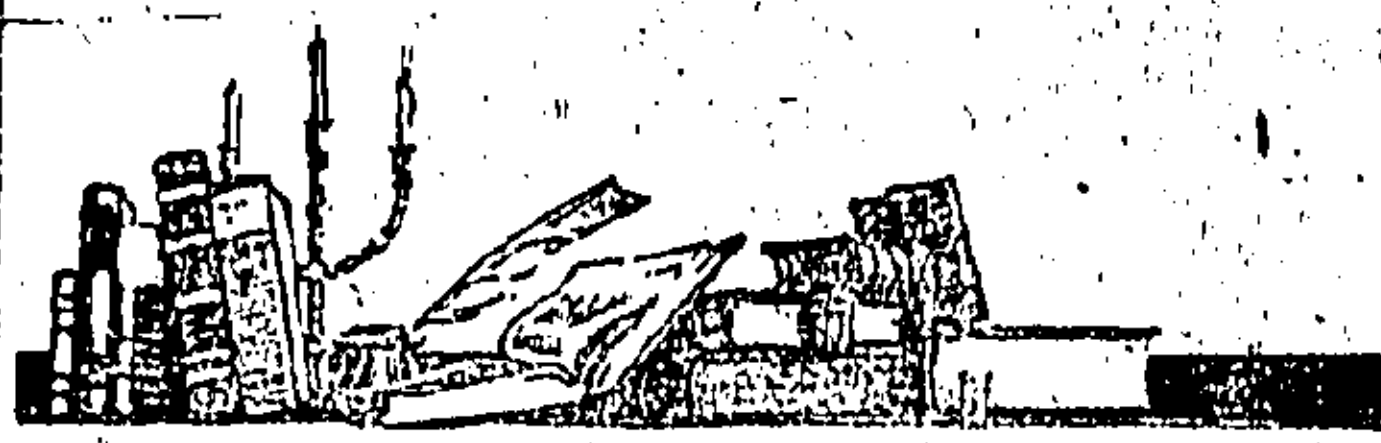
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The authoress goes to Ecuador because she has heard that while the wind stirred the palm-trees she might hit her eyes to eternal snows, because of the avenue of vast volcanoes, and the thought of an isolated country free from tourists, where she would enjoy the simplicity of the atmosphere of 200 yrs. ago and rebound in imagination the conquest of the cruel but courageous Pizarro.

Sailing from Panama the boat stopped at Buenaventura, which has a rainfall of 378 ins. per annum, to take on a cargo of ivory nuts. Soon was experienced the odour of the torrid coast of South America, the combined odour of centuries of rank vegetation, of heavy scented flowers, of generations of insanitation, all existing together in a saturated heat. To land at Esmeraldas meant to be seated in a "cradle," swung out by crane over the ship's side into the barge, which the waves often flung against the side of the ship. On the beach was the spot where not so many years ago a host-land of doctors, who had volunteered to help the wounded in a Revolution, had in spite of passports from both sides been massacred to a man. At Duran she watched the cattle tied by their horns to the long poles of rafts swimming across the Guayas, as the Chinese carabao tied to a sampan are forced to swim the Yangtze.

Further south on the lonely hills of the coast are found for a distance of twenty miles some-

thing unique in America—stone seats supported by carved animals, birds and lizards, made as the native Indian thinks for the giants of old.

Guayaquil everyone associates with cacao but not all know that it is approached through mangrove swamps, white with egrets and that the police there whistle to each other at intervals all through the night, apparently to notify evil-doers of their exact position. But the wonder of Guayaquil is that it was the scene of one of the greatest triumphs of modern hygiene when in six months, in 1918, yellow fever was completely stamped out, never we trust to reappear.

But the land of the Equator is the land of mountains, and interest grows keener as the upward journey to Quito by the G. & Q. Railway is commenced. Then appear the arrogant llamas, which carry 100 lbs. 15 mts. a day, but never more and never further. The sturdy Indians of the higher levels resemble Tibetians in appearance but are obviously a conquered race with no ambition. Chimborazo is the giant, but Cotopaxi like Fujiyama is Art—a mountain seen through the eyes of the soul. Fuji is a painting, where softest greens blend with silver rills and little twisted bridges are thrown across streams; while Cotopaxi, 7,000 ft. higher is sculpture. Cotopaxi is a marble mountain. There is solemnity in its severe symmetry. Its cold perfection charms, and compels contemplation.

At Baños hot springs straight from the red heart of the volcano, Tungurahua and cold direct from its crest of snow, exist side by side beneath a grotto draped with vines and form a perfect bathing pool.

Further yet the authoress pushes on now East of the Andes, though to travel comfortably over the trails one must be "duck part of the time and a monkey the rest." Here she met Indian savages of the tropical forest and saw what is surely unique in women's adornment—the lower part of the face from above the mouth back to the ears stained black—a velvet-black mask, which lent to their faces an expression of indescribable wildness.

—N. W. Bascombe.
[Casual Wanderings in Ecuador. Blair Miles. John Long, Ltd. 12/6.]

OUR FORERUNNERS.

The rank and file of the public have changed their views on few subjects so radically and rapidly as on the nature and antiquity of their forerunners. When Lyall wrote "The Antiquity of Man" he was ranked among the ungodly. "The Descent of Man" classed Darwin with Hume and Tom Paine. But in the last decade or so, many volumes, tracing our ancestry back almost to the late Tertiary, have flooded from the press and been hailed with delight by the reading public.

Few scientific subjects call for a larger range of knowledge in the writer. Subjects such as chemistry, botany and history are, in a certain sense, unified and self-contained; but in what sense, can we say the same of this subject of our ancestry?

The authority needs to have specialised in geology, human anatomy, zoology, particularly the osteology and history of the mammals, primitive magic and art. In addition to these he needs to have studied the fracturing of flint and a host of allied problems. No one man, of course, can be equally authoritative on all of these. Hence, of the numerous books which have appeared most approach the subject from one point of view—the special subject of the author. Thus Sir Arthur Keith emphasises the human bones and skulls; Prof. Osborne, the mammalian fauna; Prof. Sollas, the geological aspect; Dr. Spurr, the close anthropoid affinities; Mr. Wright, the effects of glacial action. Mr. Burkitt both in this volume before us and in his larger work "Prehistory" devotes special attention to the art of prehistoric man. We do

not mean that this is the only subject dealt with. Far from it. There is here a learned discussion on the technical subject of the fracturing of flint, as well as an interesting account of the different types of primitive tools. The emphasis of the book, however, is on the art of palaeolithic man, and this is as it ought to be. No more wonderful discovery has been made in the last hundred years than the caves of Spain and France, where these wonderful treasures of early man are preserved. The whole question opens up at once the origin of art. As our knowledge of savage man grows our belief is strengthened that both art and civilisation originated in a form of sympathetic magic. Mr. Burkitt devotes his final chapter to the motive for all this art. "All that is suggested," he says, "is that primitive man universally practised some form of sympathetic magic or ceremonial ritual, and that, in Western Europe, among an artistic people, it took the form of pictorial representation."

[Our Forerunners. M. C. Burkitt, M.A., F.S.A. Williams and Norgate.]

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. A. P. Herbert's joyous annals are the delight of the readers of "Funch," and are quite sure of a welcome in book form. "Sixpenny Dips" is perhaps the most reasonable and, at the same time, the most pertinent chronicle of 1923. Certainly it is the impression that will link the new year most aptly with the old. For this sketch takes us to the Dome of Dance, a most respectable establishment, blissfully imagined to be a really low haunt. Here the gigolo is valued at 9d. but the feminine dancing partner is just a sixpenny dip. Conversation is included for this modest fee: "While we danced we conversed; and while we conversed I began to feel less wicked. Anyone who has ever danced with a not very talkative leg of mutton will appreciate my new sensations." The coloured lights made no difference whatever to the flavour of the dance talks, but when his partner turned heliotrope the investigator thought that he was following the "Standard Conversation for Dips" a little too closely for so romantic a light. So he murmured, with

passion, "I like you best in heliotrope." But all the Sixpenny Dip answered was, "I think the mauve's naiver."

"Turkish Delight" is an ironical misnomer for the inferno of the Turkish bath. For really inferno is not too strong a word in this instance any more than it is for that Russian convict, bath in "La Maison des Morts." Here is a morsel complete in itself: "Three men of great physical strength appeared, arrayed like torturers in scarlet loin-cloths. They laid our bodies on marble slabs, like so many salmon or joints of beef, and a hideous scene began." Afterwards, in the frigidarium, the victim noticed a fat man engaged in weighing himself with one hand while with the other he drank his sherry. Heat least looked pleased. "Foreign Relations" gives us a typical skit on things Russian through British spectacles, and the famous "Battle of the Step" is also included in this timely and exhilarating volume.—(London: Heinemann, 6/- net.)

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The pleasure that always accompanies the receipt of a cheque; and the little thrills that one gets when the children of the pen begin to toddle.

—M. D. A.

COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY.

A local commercial magnate was once complaining of the unsatisfactory training of those who came to his office. The present writer naturally pricked up his ears and asked, "Well, now, what do you really want the candidate to know on a subject like Commercial Geography?" "Well," said the magnate, "I want him not to put letters for Port Darwin in the wrong mail box, and I want him to know where Dunedin and Surabaya are." The demand may not seem a large one, but it is hard to explain to an uneducated Tai Pan that this is not Commercial Geography, and that the living Gazetteer must be a deadly citizen.

It is to the credit of our pioneers like Dr. Marion Newbigin and such works as the present one that the rising generation is receiving a more scientific idea of commercial geography. Dr. Newbigin is already so well known as a writer on various branches of the science of geography that scarcely more need be said than that this volume is no less interesting than her previous ones. Here are chapters forming excellent studies on the more important cereals; on land and water transport; on the livestock industry, etc. All of them are marked by careful reasoning and thoughtful deduction. Sometimes Dr. Newbigin's statements are so cautiously worded as almost to imply intentional suspense of judgment. "The treelessness means low rainfall," is an example of what we mean. Is the treelessness the cause or the effect here?

If there were more space we should have liked a more speculative chapter in the book. The population of the earth is fast growing; the present areas of production seem to be nearing the limits of their capacity. Dr. Newbigin has much to tell us on intensive cultivation; but the limit must be soon reached in this direction. Is there no hope for the reclamation of the vast desert areas of the world? What of the different ideas of making the deserts blossom as the rose? We heartily commend this book to all those interested in the larger problems of commerce.

[Commercial Geography. Marion J. Newbigin, D.Sc. F.R.G.S. Williams and Norgate.]

THE SECOND GENERATION.

In spite of its crudity there is a certain strength in this study of two generations of transplanted Norwegian stock. Einar Morsen, deserted Hilda, the girl whom he had seduced, and sought his fortune in the New World. The description of life in the American "Middle-West," the home life of Henry Gottlieb, for whom Einar works, the atmosphere of tense money-getting and ruthless pushing is excellently caught. Einar is the most ruthless, and, therefore, the most successful of them all. It was typical of him after his first marriage that he allowed his wife a servant until his father-in-law died, but immediately afterwards told her to do her own work.

But even Einar met his match in second wife, a Prussian, whom he married in order to make an economy of the woman's wages. Still, Frieda had a certain kindness underneath her grim exterior. At all events, she welcomed Lief, Einar's illegitimate son, when he, in his turn left Norway to make his way in America. Lief is a much finer character than his father, with ambitions and aspirations wholly beyond those of the earlier generation. Inevitably he came into collision with Einar, drifted away from him, and eventually succeeded in becoming a doctor. Love found its way to him in his early days of struggle, and he married a woman who deserted him a week afterwards, to "continue the immoral life" that she had lived before. Years later a woman came to consult him professionally, and he recognised in her the wife from whom he had been divorced. It was a horrible meeting, and the quiet, matter-of-fact diagnosis is more telling in its stark crudity than pages of realism could make it. The whole story reads like a record from "close personal experience" of actual life, and though it is given without artistry, its sincerity, rough as the life struggle itself, has made it living. One will remember Einar and Lief when one has forgotten many and many a smoother, more manipulated character from the welter of "Middle-West" fiction of to-day.—(London, Heinemann, 7/6d net.)

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Claire Adams, whose recent appearance in "Legally Dead" was a picture sensation, plays the principal feminine role. Others in the cast are Frank Farrington, remembered as "Judge Henderson" in the historic play, "Daniel Boone," Claire Anderson, Herbert Fortier, and others of note.

"OVER-REALISTIC FILM."

It is reported from Rome that a piece of over-realistic film acting led to a lioness tearing an actor to pieces. "During the filming of a scene in Quo Vadis, a group of lions and lionesses was released into the arena, where 60 actors and actresses were playing the parts of Christians. Suddenly a lioness sprang on to the platform, seized an actor, mauled him, and bit his head right off. The rest of the actors and actresses became terror-stricken, as the other wild beasts, smelling blood, sprang viciously into the platform. Fortunately, the keepers were handy, and after a desperate struggle

"LIGHTS OUT."

When "Lights Out," the movie mystery play which comes to the World Theatre soon, was being taken, it was desired to add realistic touches to a parlour car scene, photographed indoors on a specially constructed set. The imitation car was accurately similar to a real one in every detail except that the motion of the train and the motion of the actors was not rhythmic. At Santelli, the director, had left up to the individual members of the company the movement they would perform when the prop men, stationed behind the scenes, made the car walls vibrate. He soon found that some system was needed for realism. As it was, every actor was swaying in a different direction. So Al, aping the manners of the coxswain of a racing crew, grabbed his megaphone and called, "Heave ho! Heaven ho!" Every time he sang out the chant, prop men and actors swayed forward together, while continuing the action of the play, and the result was very satisfactory.

Those who take part in the scene were Theodore Von Eltz, as Eggs, a scenario writer on his way to Hollywood; Marie Astaire, as Barbara, a train acquaintance, for whom Eggs develops tender feelings; Ruth Stonehouse, as "Hairpin" Annie, who picks the lock of Eggs' black bag, to find that it contains merely original scenarios; Walter McGrath, as Sam Bass, a mysterious individual who is also interested in the contents of the black bag; Hank Mann, as the porter, to whom the stealthy operations of the passengers take on a spiritualistic hue; Ben Hewlett, as Keith, Barbara's fiancé, who regrets the day that he took the same train with Eggs; and others play their part in the little drama enacted on the moving train.

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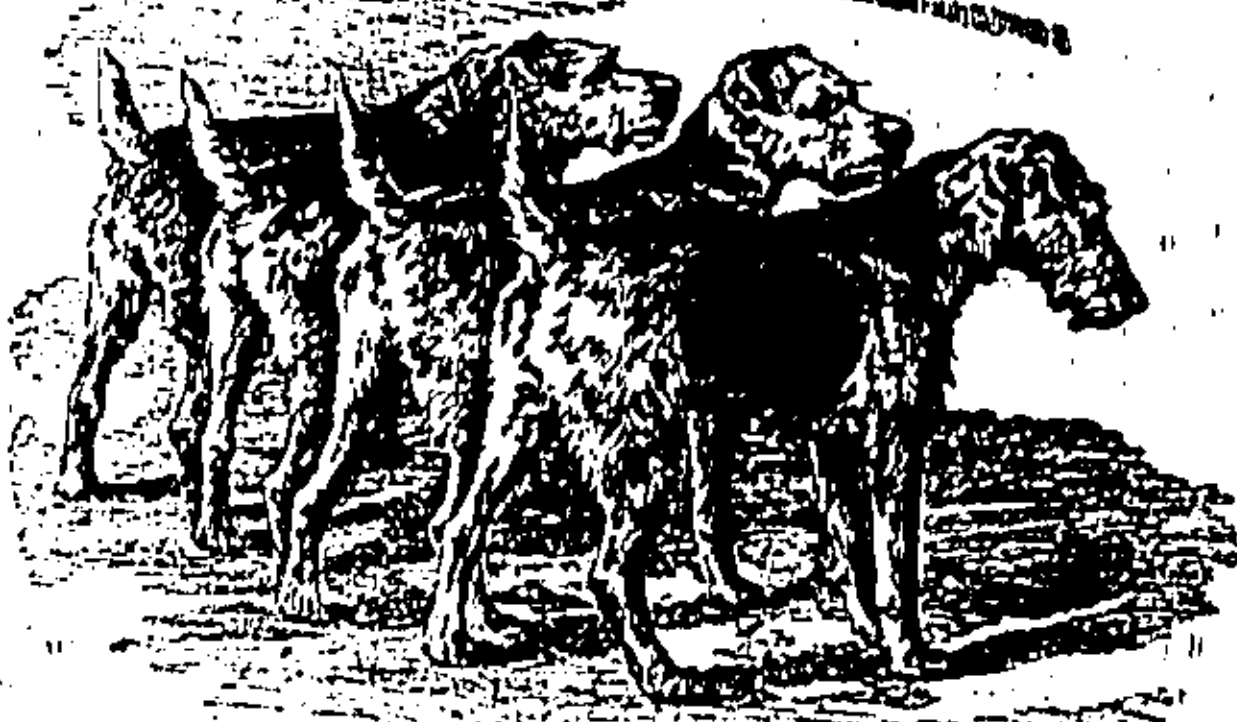
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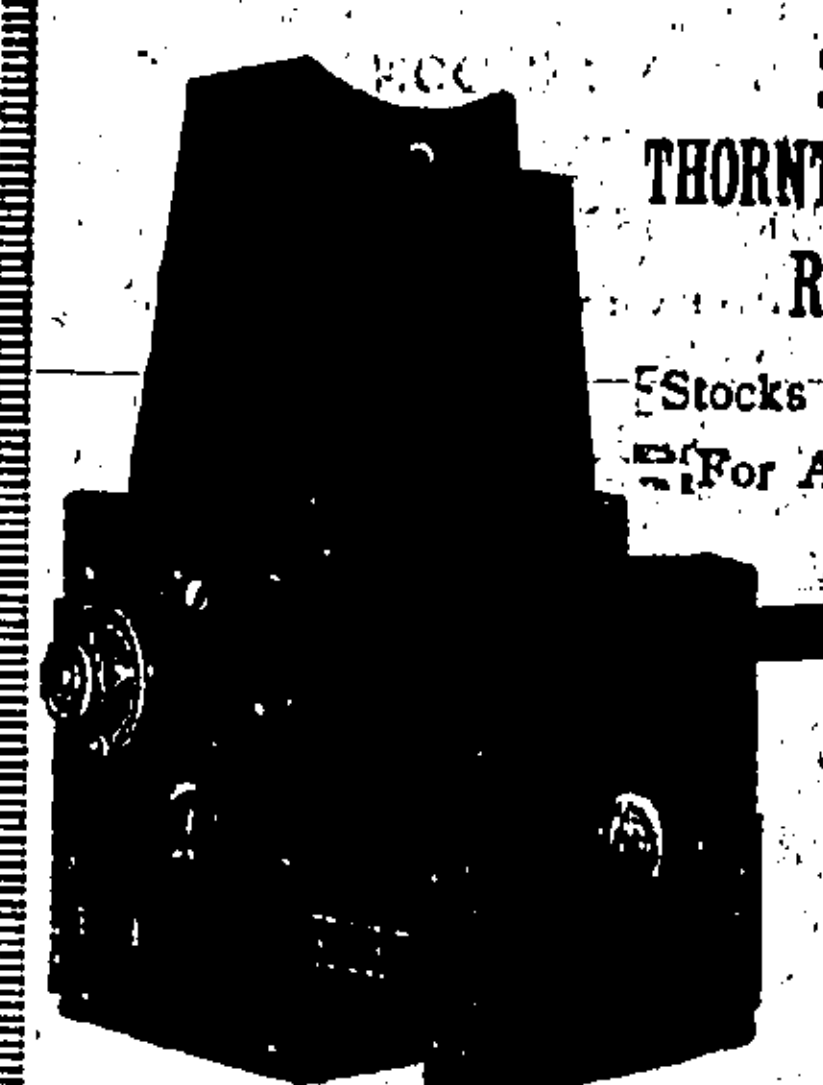
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LORD BREADALBANE.
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The King has ordained, announces the *London Gazette*, that the three sisters of the present Earl of Breadalbane—Mrs. Colina Hussey, wife of Mr. T. M. Hussey, formerly a captain in the Hampshire Regiment, Miss Mary Gwynedd Campbell, wife of Mr. Charles Cunradi, of Stanley gardens, Kensington, shall enjoy the rank, title, and precedence as daughters of an earl, to which they would have been entitled had their father, the late Major-General Charles William Campbell, succeeded to the earldom of Breadalbane.

They will be known in future as Lady Colina Hussey, Lady Mary Campbell, and Lady Mary Cunradi. Lady Mary Cunradi holds the Military Medal. She received the decoration in 1918 for gallantry and devotion to duty during the war at Etaples.

Their brother, formerly Capt. Charles William Campbell, of the Royal Field Artillery, succeeded to the title in May 1923 on the death at Bournemouth of the 8th earl, a distant cousin. The 8th earl passed generally in Bournemouth to Mr. Campbell.

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ling—Wanchai.
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Moji—Kowloon Wharf.
- Takada, (B. & S. N.) from Singa-
pore—Kowloon Wharf.
- Pres. Madison, (Ad. Line) from
Manila—Kowloon Wharf.
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Manila—A2.
- Tedresias, (B. & S.) from Manila.
—A3.
- Glenfalloch, (Seng Soon Hong)
from Singapore—Off Stonecutters.
Cochinchina, (Kai Yu) from
Swatow—Off Stonecutters.
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Sydney—Off Stonecutters.
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Shanghai—B12.
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Saigon—West Point.
- Jose Fina, (Grimble) from
Saigon—C17.
- Legaspi, (Botelho Bros.) from
Manila—A6.
- Pennang, (Cheong Fat) from
Swatow—C42.
- Gorleston, (Nemazee) from Sai-
gon—B51.
- Hydrangea, (Chin On) from
Swatow—Co's Wharf.
- DEPARTURES.**
- Suisang, (J. M. & Co.) for
Amoy—March 15.
- Naiyung, (Nemazee) for
Amoy—March 15.
- West Ison, (Ad. Line) for
Hollis—March 15.
- Victoria, (Wing On) for
Sandakan—March 15.
- Ghyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for
Moji—March 15.
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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arrived at Vancouver on Mar. 12.
The B. E. s.s. "Kiddierpore" left
Shanghai for this port on Mar. 11 at
5 p.m. and is due here to-day at about
6 a.m.

The C.A. s.s. "Victoria" will leave
here for Melbourne via Sandakan
and Australia ports to-day.

The C.S.K. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" left
Moji on Feb. 28 and will be due here to-
day p.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Alcinous" from New
York left Manila on Mar. 13 p.m. for this
port and is due here to-morrow at day-
light.

The B. I. s.s. "Warina" left Pampok
for this port on Mar. 10 a.m. and is due
here to-morrow at about a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Lyons Maru" (Liver-
pool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong
on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar.
12.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Matsumoto Maru"
(Hamburg Line) left Singapore for Hong-
kong on Mar. 10 and is expected here to-
morrow.

The B. E. s.s. "Tedresias" for London,
Rotterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai
Mar. 13 for this port and was due here
to-day at daylight. The vessel will be
detached at 4 p.m. on Mar. 17.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Madison" was
due here at 7 a.m. to-day and will sail
for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai
and Japan at 10 a.m. Mar. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Machon" from Liver-
pool left Singapore on Mar. 13 for this
port and is due here on Mar. 18.

The B. E. s.s. "Rhosus" from Mid-
dlebrook, Antwerp and London left
Singapore for this port on Mar. 15 and
may be expected to arrive here on or
about Mar. 18.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley"
which is due at this port on Mar. 18
sailed from Yokohama for Kobe on Mar.
10 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakusan Maru"
(European Passenger Line) left Kobe for
Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on
Mar. 14 and is expected here on Mar. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Sarpedon" left Liver-
pool on Feb. 17 for Penang, Singapore,
Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here
on Mar. 18.

The C.S.K. s.s. "Shunko Maru" left
Moji on Mar. 22 and will be due here on
Mar. 24.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong
via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Mar.
6 and is due here on Mar. 24.

The B. E. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which
is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31 sailed
from San Francisco on Mar. 1 on
schedule.

The B. E. s.s. "Rhosus" left Botter-
dam and Antwerp for Hongkong, Hong-
kong, Shanghai and Japan and is due
here on or about Mar. 31.

The B. F. s.s. "Helena" left Liver-
pool on Mar. 2 for Trieste, Hongkong
and Shanghai and is due here on or
about Mar. 18.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Abrams Maru"
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SUNDAY, MARCH 16.
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Feb.).....Matsumoto Maru
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Wilson
TUESDAY, MARCH 18.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. McKinley
MONDAY, MARCH 31.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Adams

OUTWARD MAILS.

For SATURDAY, MARCH 15.
Straits and Calcutta.....Hosang 1 p.m.
Shanghai.....Gerty 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.
Africa.....Ridderpore 5 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoibow, Pakhoi and
Haiphong.....Harol 5 p.m.
Amoy.....Corjistan 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 16.
Hoihow and Haiphong.....Lagan 8.30 a.m.
Fookchow.....Yidan Maru 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok.....Dux 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow.....Amakusa Maru 9 a.m.
Japan, "Canada," "United States," "Central
and South America," "EUROPE via VIC-
TORIA," B.O.—due Victoria 9th Apr.
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E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE
via Marseilles—due Marseilles 16th
April. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 17.
Hoihow and Bangkok.....Chikus 10.15 a.m.
Straits, Sezar and "LONDON"—due London
31st Apr.Tairasia 2.30 p.m.
Amoy.....Baying Maru 2.30 p.m.
Hwaihow.....Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Amoy.....Pres. Wilson 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai.....Wuhu 5 p.m.
Lagochow.....5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.
Swatow and Bangkok.....Kargan 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.....Takada Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow.....Hakoon Noon.
Swatow.....Kwanggang 5 p.m.
Shanghai.....Fookchow 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.
Philippine Island, AUSTRALIA and New
Zealand via Thursday Island—due
Thursday Island 30th Mar. Registra-
tion 8.45 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.
Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles
—due Marseilles 19th Apr. Registration
8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Manila.....Hainan Maru 1 p.m.
Swatow.....Com. Magos 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.....Namang 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20.
Manila.....Pres. McKinley 3.30 p.m.
Swatow.....Takrang 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 21.
Geyow, Amoy and Fookchow.....Hailong Noon.
Philippine, I., Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and
New Zealand via Thursday Island—
due Thursday Island about 4th Apr.
due Thursday Island about 4th Apr.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 22.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via
Marseilles—due Marseilles 15th
Apr. Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Manila.....Hainan Maru 1 p.m.
Swatow.....Com. Magos 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.....Namang 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 23.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow.....Hailong Noon.
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